

CHAPTER NINETEEN

The Simple Joys

Beauty, according to an old proverb, is the eye of the beholder. And, the early pioneers who first came to the Midway area found much to behold. They were greeted by hills and mountains clothed in pine, maple, oak and aspen. They found fertile soil and clear, fresh streams. It was an environment that inspired them to look beyond the struggle and toil of settlement, and to achieve in music, literature, drama and the fine arts.

The universal language of music provided much of the early cultural achievement in Midway. Though the settlers had many different nationalities, they all understood singing, dancing and the best of marching bands.

John Huber who came to Midway in the early 1860's was the first musician and poet to be remembered. He loved the wooded mountains, and built his home in an aspen grove in Snake Creek Canyon. Shortly after Mr. Huber arrived in Midway he organized a choir which became very popular. In addition to conducting the choir, Mr. Huber would write many of the verses, set them to music and then teach them to the choir. The group sang at numerous parties, concerts, church meetings and community celebrations. In 1885, President Abram Hatch invited the choir to sing at Wasatch Stake Conference. Fred Burgener served as organist for the group. Some of the well remembered songs which Mr. Huber composed included, "Evening, Consolation, Meditation, Happy Missionary, When the May Breezes Whisper and Blackbird Roundeley."

Some other early choir leaders were George Dabling, George Wardle, David S. Van Wagoner and Simon Epperson.

Glee clubs have been popular through the years, and have given Midway a musical reputation. One of the most popular clubs was organized in 1896 by Jacob Probst and Fredrick Burgener.

Midway people who were most prominent in early choirs or glee clubs included Maggie Cunningham, Elizabeth (Betty) Ross, Julia Van Wagoner, Caroline Wardle, Mary Jane McCarrell, Mary Ann Watkins, Emily Wilson, Maggie Hasler, Lizzie Hasler Kennah, Eliza Huber Gibson, Emma Huber Gibson, Mary Huber Probst, Nellie Springer Smith, Ada Mohlman, Lunica Epperson Mathews, Louise Haueter Huffaker, Lenore McCarrell, Catherine McCarrell, John Huber, Andreas Burgener, J. A. Bigler, Thomas Hair, Jacob Probst, David Ludlow, James O'Neil, Ulrich Probst, George Dabling, Peter Abplanalp, George Wardle, Fredrick Hasler, Attewall Wootton Sr., Carson Smith, Simon Epperson, Elmer

builder of homes. He, in turn, instructed his son in this craft and most useful profession. Later on, John Boss became proficient in erecting new homes and emerged into contractual work. He became a designer and architect of renown. There are standing today beautiful tourist hotels which he constructed.

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In the year 1875 he was convinced Mormonism was true. He embraced this new faith, became baptized, and was confirmed a member December 26 this same year.

John Boss married Marianna Gertsch. Together they were the parents of twelve sons and daughters. His wife died August 22, 1885.

Commencing with the year 1888, a daughter and in the following two years two more

GARDEN CLUB

The Midway Garden Club came into being in March of 1948 when a group of determined townspeople decided they should encourage beautification of private property as well as public places.

Much of the impetus for organization came from Mrs. Mary C. Probst, who also was elected to serve as the club's first president. The organization of the club was directed by Fred Augsburg, president of the Utah Associated Garden Clubs.

Other officers elected during the first meeting held at the home of Lorna Van Wagoner, were Lois Bonner, vice president, Garnet Probst, secretary and treasurer, and Ruby Boss and Mrs. Van Wagoner, board members. Named as chairman of committees were Alice Probst, exhibitions; Garnet Probst and Lorna Van Wagoner, civic activities; Lethe Tatge, publicity; Maeda Gertsch, membership; Elsie Kohler, garden tours and Vera Provost, plant exchange. The club selected as its motto "More Beautiful Gardens," and as the club flower the Sweet Pea.

The group of officers elected at the time of organization also served through 1949. Others who have been presidents of the club include Ruby Boss, Eva Kohler, Verna Berg for three terms, Elda Kohler, Ruby Provost, Glenna Ivers, Wilma Pope, Bonnie Bezzant, Wanda Holmes and Nola Boren.

In the July 20, 1961 issue of "The Utah Farmer," the club was featured with an article and pictures. Included in its praise for the accomplishments of the club was this statement: "Twelve years ago, one handful of ladies met together with a determination to beautify their town. As a result, the farming community of Midway, Utah, has become one of the beauty spots of the state—with much of the credit due to these ladies."

Through the years, town boards, government officials and civic and service clubs have played great roles in Midway's growth. During the coming years the community's progress will be as great as the men who are chosen to guide its destiny. All of Midway looks ahead to a bright future for a choice spot in Provo Valley.

Earl Houtz vice presidents, and Wilburn and Verna Huffaker secretary and treasurer. During the year the club paid off the indebtedness on the tennis court and added a tall fence around the court. Clarence H. Probst and Roy Huffaker presented a musical, "Midway Harvest Days," with Verna Berg supervising costume and scenery.

In 1953 Scott Whitaker was president, with Lethe Tatge and Reed Kohler vice president and Lona and Austin Kelly as secretary and treasurer. During this year the first "Swiss Days" theme was adopted for the annual September celebration. The Swiss market and Swiss parade were introduced, and music was furnished by the famous Edelweiss Chorus.

Bert Blood was elected president in 1954 and had as vice presidents Nephi Probst and Albert Kohler. Kenneth and Carmen Kohler were secretary and treasurer. The year's activities featured one of the best flower and art shows ever held.

President during 1955 was Vern Wilson, with George Remund and Francis Probst as vice presidents and Jane and Alma Durtschi as secretary and treasurer. The Swiss Days celebration was very successful, and at the end of the season a \$200 contribution was made by the club to the city for use toward a sprinkling system in the town ball park.

In 1956 Robert Welch was selected to head the club. Assisting him were Lincoln Pugh and Del Wallengren as vice presidents, and Lillie and Vern Wardell as secretary and treasurer. All efforts of the club this year were concentrated on a successful Swiss Days celebration.

Del Wallengren headed the organization in 1957. Vice presidents were Ray Gertsch and Lavon Hair. Lillie and Vern Wardell were re-elected as secretary and treasurer. This group of officers also directed a very successful Swiss Days, adding a number of new events to the occasion.

Activities in 1958 were under the direction of Reed Kohler as president, with Clyde Alder and Del Wallengren as vice presidents. Shirley and Clifton Chatwin were secretary and treasurer. In addition to sponsoring the Swiss Days, a number of civic projects were started by the club. A campaign was begun to obtain better telephone service that resulted in stringing of new lines to the community and fewer parties on the lines. A town-wide clean-up and paint-up campaign was successfully carried on, and the group pushed for development of the Bates Reservoir rather than raising Deer Creek Reservoir.

During 1959 it was decided that a board of six directors should conduct the club's activities rather than a presidency. Reed Kohler and Clyde Alder were elected to the board to serve as one year directors. Mr. Kohler was appointed board president. Two-year directors were Alberta S. Provost, Earl Kohler, Nephi Probst and Pete Coleman. Darlene and Grant Shelton were appointed secretary and treasurer.

Since its organization the Boosters Club has been very successful in



The first officers of the Midway Boosters Club, organized in 1947. Seated are Reed Kohler, left, president and Francis Probst, first vice president. Standing, left to right, are William Haueter, second vice president, Joseph Erwin, sponsor and promoter of the Boosters Club, and LeRoy Huffaker, secretary-treasurer.

Roy Huffaker was club president in 1949, and had as vice presidents George Remund and Albert Kohler. Grant Remund was secretary-treasurer. The flower garden was completed and planted with the assistance of Fred Augsburg of Salt Lake City who made many trips to Midway to advise the club in planting. A grassed area complete with sprinkling system around the flower garden was also finished this year.

In 1950 Leland Ivers served as president with Wendell Cluff and Myron Gale vice presidents and Sylvan Burgi, secretary-treasurer. The annual community celebration was again held, featuring a large barbeque, parade, flower show, rodeo and special program and dance. This year also saw the entire area surrounding the school house planted in lawn. Free dinners served by Ruby Provost helped spur on the many who donated their time to this project. The year 1950 also saw the production of an original musical show called the "Little Rodeo" by Francis and Lethe Tatge.

Officers during 1951 included Myron Gale, president, George Remund and Reed Kohler, vice presidents, and Lavon and Thelma Hair secretary and treasurer. Many hours were spent during the year pouring concrete for a tennis court on the school ground. Mr. and Mrs. Tatge also presented this year "Jack and the Beanstalk."

Wendell Cluff became president in 1952 with Ruby Provost and



The Robert Krebs Boys Band, shown here in an 1898 photograph, includes, front row, left to right, Wallace Epperson, Elmer Burgener, Clarence Shields, Jess Bigler, Rolland Krebs, David Provost, Emery Epperson and Ellis Epperson. Back row: Charles Van Wagoner, Charles Bonner, Walter Burgener, Tracy Watkins, Roswell Blood, Nephi Sulser, Edward Burgener, Amos Epperson, Robert Krebs, leader, and Ernest Sonderegger, Jr.

man, Frank Abplanalp, Simon Epperson, Will Matthews, Peter Boss, J. Fred Burgener, Lawrence Epperson, Henry Zenger and Bennie Clark.

At the same time as the Independent band was flourishing another group was being formed, including many young men. Robert Krebs, who possessed a great musical talent, and also a love for boys, organized a junior band that became known throughout the state. Members of this band included Wallace Epperson, Elmer Burgener, Clarence Shields, Jess Bigler, Rolland Krebs, David Provost, Emery Epperson, Ellis Epperson, Charles Van Wagoner, Charles Bonner, Walter Burgener, Tracy Watkins, Roswell Blood, Nephi Sulser, Edward Burgener, Amos Epperson, Ernest E. Sonderegger.

A very promising band was organized in 1913 under the direction of Fred O. Haueter. The group became very popular, but when the nation entered World War I many of the band members answered service calls and the band soon ended. Members of the band during its four years existence included Ellis Epperson, Walter Burgener, David Provost, Karl Probst, Clarence Probst, John Burgener, Bernard Kennah, Delbert Ross, Henry Zenger, William Haueter, Edward Burgener, Jess Bigler, William Bigler, Alva Ross, Reed Alder, and Ernest E. Sonderegger.

In more recent years there have been bands directed by Karl Probst, Clarence Probst and El Roy Van Wagoner, but the dominant position once enjoyed by the brass bands is becoming a thing of the past.

Orchestra music for dances has also been a lively part of the Mid-



The Fourth Midway Band, directed by Fred O. Haueter, included, left to right, Ellis Epperson, Walter Burgener, David Provost, Karl Probst, Clarence Probst, Fred O. Haueter, leader, John Burgener, Bernard Kennah, Delbert Ross, Henry Zenger, and not shown on the photograph, William Haueter, Edward Burgener, Jess Bigler, William Bigler, Alva Ross and Reed Alder.

way scene. The old time square dance, the mazurka and Virginia Reels were danced to the violin played by Moroni Blood, Mark Smith, Jim Wheeler, Jeremiah Robey, George and Edward Wardle and David Van Wagoner. Those who came to the early dances usually paid their admission with potatoes or other produce.

One of the first regular orchestras included William Abplanalp, violin; Lacy Abplanalp, piano; John Sonderegger, clarinet; Lawrence and Amos Epperson and F. O. Haueter, cornet. Still others included Sylvia Kennah, violin; Ernest E. Sonderegger, clarinet; Karl Probst and Lavon Hair, saxophone; Clarence Probst, clarinet; Geneva Wilson, Lacy Burgi Fitzgerald and June Boss Tatton, piano; Ammon Van Wagoner, xylophone and Ferrin and El Roy Van Wagoner, clarinets. Orson Burgi was particularly outstanding on the trumpet.

David Murdock and his wife Emma Van Wagoner Murdock had a small orchestra in the early days which proved most popular when old time dance music was desired for such dances as the Mazurka, the De La Grande, Waltz Quadrille, Varsouvienne and the Schottische.

A western orchestra was organized by the North Brothers in 1935, and has been in great demand since throughout Wasatch County and other areas for wedding dances, church socials and public dances. Members of the orchestra include Howard North, Spanish guitar; Raymond North, accordion and harmonica; Garth North, banjo and tenor guitar;

Lavon Hair, saxophone and guitar; Keith Montgomery, bass fiddle and Don Ryan, Spanish guitar and mandolin.

The piano has been a favorite musical instrument and many have become accomplished pianists. Amy Hancock Clayburn was one Midway resident who played well and taught many others to play. Some of the talented Midway pianists have included Lacy Abplanalp Lundquist, Geneva Wilson, June Boss Tatton, Grace Reese, Ardell Buhler Clyde, Floris Smith, Lacy Burgi Fitzgerald and Barbara Bonner.

Many of Midway's "home town" musicians have attained prominence in the musical world. John Sonderegger became first clarinetist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and held the position for many years. Sylvia Kennah became an outstanding concert violinist, while Vera Epperson Clayton was soloist and a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Amos and Laurence Epperson were active in music at Brigham Young University, and Emery Epperson became musical director of the Jordan School District in Salt Lake City as well as a recognized composer. Henry Van Wagoner was recognized as a versatile banjo artist and entertained throughout the area as "Henry Van the Banjo Man."

One of the area's most successful teachers and leaders of music was Arnold Burgener. In his school days at Brigham Young University he played in the Provo Opera House and participated in many vaudeville



A more recent musical group in Midway is the North Brothers Orchestra, popular at community dances and social gatherings. Pictured are, left to right, Garth North, LaVon Hair, Keith Montgomery, Raymond North, Don Ryan and Howard North.

performances. Beginning in 1912 he taught music at Price High School, organizing a 100-piece band and presenting many operettas. Later he organized the MIA Band of the LDS Church in Salt Lake City, which included some 750 boys and girls of Mutual age. The band appeared in the 50th Anniversary MIA parade and drew from Elder Melvin J. Ballard of the Council of the Twelve the praise "This is the best boys and girls work in the Church."

Mr. Burgener moved to California in 1935, but continued his work with bands, choirs and orchestras. He taught music to his own family, many of whom followed in musical careers. Throughout his life he taught as his motto: "Teach a boy to play a horn and he will never blow a safe."

Another son of Andreas Burgener, Walter, also followed a musical career in Midway and later in Mexico and California, adding to the musical fame of the Burgener family.

A young, new musical group gaining prominence in Midway is the Three D's, composed of young guitarists and singers, Richard Jones, Dale Pugh and Dwayne Meeks. They often entertain at the Homestead and other places in the area. They, along with many other young people in Midway who are beginning to prove themselves musically, show promise that the musical future of Midway is bright, and that music will always be a basic part of the community life.

Art, as produced and enjoyed in the Midway area, has been an expression of delight in the handiworks of an Eternal Creator. Artists have captured on canvas and paper the majestic mountains, green vales, sparkling streams and the myriad shades of green on the hills and in the forests.

One of the early pioneer painters was Mark Kirby whose paintings were placed in many of the homes. One of his most beautiful creations was the curtain that hung in the Old Midway Opera House and later the Amusement Hall.

Another accomplished artist was Jacob Arnold Bigler who shared his talent with his townsmen after studying art in Paris and other European areas.

A number of Midway artists have followed professional art careers. Included among these are Verna Berg, who is especially known for costuming, scenery displays and decorations; Paul Kuhni, art supervisor in the Jordan School District of Salt Lake County; Karl Probst, art teacher at Wasatch High School and Richard Van Wagoner who teaches art at Weber College in Ogden. Boyd Van Wagoner also follows an art career with special skill in sculpturing.

Of artists who now live in the Midway area, Ferrin Whitaker is perhaps the most recognized. He was trained in Wasatch schools and later became nationally prominent in advertising art in Chicago. Returning to the home of his boyhood after a successful career, Mr. Whitaker

took over the Homestead resort and began concentrating on the fine arts. He regularly exhibits at the Utah State Fair where his oil paintings have won first prizes. He also exhibits in California, Arizona and Oregon, and in 1960 presented a successful one man show in Carmel, California and Scottsbluff, Arizona.

His son, Bill Whitaker, has also shown artistic promise in high school art competition, and is recognized as a future professional artist.

Also worthy of mention in the field of art are Mae Buehler Isaacson, who did professional china painting; Reed Kohler and Charles E. Buehler who work in oil paints and water colors; and LaVon Hair who carries on a good business in ceramics.

LITERATURE

Residents of Midway have always taken an interest in literature, and many of them have written for publication selections of prose and poetry of high literary and artistic quality.

The first writer to be recognized in Midway was Leo Haefeli, who left his native Germany in 1874 to come to America. He was employed as a journalist in Salt Lake City and Ogden until about 1889 when he came to Midway to teach school. During the year 1891 a severe diphtheria epidemic brought death to many Midway residents. Two of the victims were daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Bunnell. Their deaths touched Prof. Haefeli and he wrote in tribute to them the following poem:

LILY AND ROSE

There blossomed round your family tree
Two flowers sweet and bright;
The blushing Rose you there could see,
The winsome Lilly white,
And Love's close blending harmony
Two sisters did unite.

A happy life's unclouded sun
Their tender buds did greet:
So harmless in their childish fun,
In innocence so sweet,
Where one in frolic gay would run,
The other's smile you'd meet.

One morn saw Rose and Lily rise
With health in hopeful bloom,
Then over the two blended skies
There spread one ominous gloom,
And now two hearts most tender ties
And sunk in grave and tomb.

As budding Lily, blushing Rose
 Had grown on the same stem,
 Fair hopes of Future to disclose.
 Sparkling with Love's bright gem:
 Thus they were one in life's swift close,
 Death could not sever them.

Now lie they, soft in dreamless sleep,
 Two flowers without a thorn.—
 Do not in idle sorrow weep:
 Again they will be born,
 T'Eternal Height from Death's dark keep,
 On Resurrection morn.

Midway, February 7th, 1891—L. H.

John Huber was another early day poet. He composed the lyrics to many familiar melodies. Here is one of his original poems that has been set to music.

EVENING

In the twilight of the evening,
 Find we comfort in the breeze,
 When the stillness wakes emotion,
 And a spirit of devotion
 Seems to move among the trees,
 Seems to move among the trees.

Where the songsters are now hidden,
 With their blood in safe repose,
 When the streams are faster flowing
 And the shadows deeper growing,
 As the light a-hiding goes,
 As the light a-hiding goes.

Peace and worship swell the bosom,
 While unbidden bows the knee,
 Heart and thought are turned to yonder,
 Earthly fetters break asunder,
 For, to thought, the worlds are free!
 For, to thought, the worlds are free!

There is joy in meditation,
 Wherein truth our reason starts,
 Though, perhaps, no words are spoken;
 Yet, an angel leaves a token,
 Only known to honest hearts,
 Only known to honest hearts.

CHORUS:

In the twilight of the evening,
Find we comfort in the gentle breeze,
When a spirit of devotion
Seems to move among the shady trees.

John Huber, 1901.

Still another early pioneer poet was Mrs. William Wilson Sr., whose poetic tribute and beautiful descriptions of the valley are still remembered.

One of the outstanding poets and writers of Midway has been Mrs. Emily Springer Coleman. Her writings have included tributes to friends, accounts of pioneer activities and several successful pageants including "The Gate of Heaven," "Women of the Bible," and "From the Cradle to the Grave."

One of her poetry selections, a descriptive piece about Midway, is included here.

MIDWAY, WASATCH CO., UTAH

The little town of Midway
In the heart of the Wasatch hills.
Has enough of scenic beauty
To give every one some thrills.

At the foot of Old Timpanogos,
Crowned with perpetual snow.
It nestles in green verdant meadows
In the beautiful valley below.

On the North is our famous hot-pots,
The only type in the State.
On the South, the Provo River,
Where fishermen cast their bait.

On the west the rolling foot-hills,
For those who care to climb.
And gaze on our beautiful hamlet,
And hear old church bells chime.

On the east a faithful sentinel
Stands Memorial Hill.
On its crest granite columns
Made with artistic skill.

To honor the names of our heros
Who helped defend our land.
Indian, Civil and Spanish,
And World War veterans grand.

We love our changing seasons,
The spring with its verdant green.
The summer aglow with splendor
Fair as an artist's dream.

The autumn, a beautiful gypsy,
In crimson, gold and brown.
That dances in wild abandon
As the leaves come drifting down.

Our winter too is lovely,
In robes of downy white.
Her million crystal diamonds,
Gleaming in morning light.

So if you are seeking nature
And rest from a city hot.
Just come to the town of Midway,
And you'll find a beauty spot.

Composed by Emily S. Coleman

Inspired by the literary efforts of their mother, several of Mrs. Coleman's children have excelled in literature and the arts.

Guy E. Coleman has gained prominence in literary activities as well as civic and business fields. His poems have been published in *The Improvement Era*, *The Lariat*, *Paebur Anthology* and *Utah Sings*. Typical of his writing is this poem:

ON THE HILLS

Artist Autumn tints the vale of Timpanogos
And he spreads his rich oblations on the hills.
Tender tints of cloud-toned sunset add their splendor,
Mystic music rises softly from the rills.

There is wonder in the weave of oak and aspen
Carpeting the steeps in patterns deft, divine,
There is beauty blushing in the crimsoned maples,
Nature-tapestries of exquisite design.

There's a charm of lavished color in wild gardens.
Magic when the mellow moon of harvest shines;
And my soul is stirred to tenderest devotions
When I hear the Voice Eternal through the pines.

There is harvest far more bountiful, O farmer,
Than the golden hoard which all your storehouse fills;
There is more than gold, O miner of the mountains,
There is grandeur, glory, God there on the hills.

Guy E. Coleman

Mrs. Lethe Coleman Tatge gave her first public reading in 1897 and since that time has constantly served the public as a reader, actress, lecturer and performer. During 1917 she gave programs with President Heber J. Grant for the Liberty Bond drives.

She lectured for the International Chautauqua Bureau of Calgary, Canada, the Ellison-White Bureau of Portland, Ore., the Swarthmore Bureau of Swarthmore, Penn., and the Associated Bureau of Topeka, Kansas.

In addition to dramatic activities in Midway, Mrs. Tatge has appeared in three recent film productions of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These have been "How Near to the Angels," "Unto the Least of These," and "Until Death Do Us Part."

She has been a world traveler, lecturing in every state of the union, in Canada and Alaska before it became a state. She was selected as "Miss Utah" by the Business and Professional Women of Utah in 1927 and was a delegate to the National BPW convention in Portland, Maine.

Active in organizations of the Church, Mrs. Tatge has also been president of the Wasatch County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for six years. Her name is included in "Who's Who Among American Women," and she has been featured in the "Citizen's Magazine," "National Business and Professional Women's Magazine," the "Relief Society Magazine," and "The Instructor."

Rose Coleman Hoyt attained high honors in literature at the University of Utah when she served as associate editor of the Pen, the school's literary magazine. She has had many of her poems published, and has been a regular contributor to the Y Magazine at Brigham Young University. In 1944 she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternities. She holds a master's degree in English and literature, and has taught at the University of Utah, University of Oregon, University of Arizona and BYU.

John Coleman was editor of the Utonian yearbook at the University of Utah while he attended the school.

Mrs. Rhea Coleman Guild, who now lives in New Hampshire, has become well known for her lyrical verse. She has had many of her poems published in Eastern papers and magazines.

Another community leader in literature was Theodore B. Miller, who was principal of the Midway schools near the turn of the century. His understanding and love of good literature created an interest in masterpieces and high quality writing. He composed many operettas and dramatic sketches, and wrote the words to many familiar melodies. One of the best known is "Utah, We Love Thee." He left a strong cultural impact in Midway that is still being felt today in the lives of his students.

Another outstanding scholar and writer of Midway is Merrill Van Wagoner who was valedictorian of Wasatch High School in 1935. He specialized in languages in his university training and has written several text books on the Arabic language. He is recognized as one of the country's two top experts on the common Arabic language. He presently serves as superintendent of the Aramco Schools, training employes for service in Arab-speaking countries.

Sylvia Probst Young is another Midway native who has excelled in poetry and prose writing. She has had her work published in Church magazines for more than 20 years, and has also written for the Deseret News, Salt Lake Tribune, the Liahona, Utah Magazine, Utah Pioneer and The Pathfinder. Her poetry has appeared in both volumes of "Utah Sings," and in the "Relief Society Anthology" and "The Contemporary Yearbook of Poetry." She also edited the magazine of the California Mission of the Church while serving as a missionary in that field.

Typical of her poems is this selection.

TO MY MOTHER

So often when I see an evening sky,
Or some high hill bathed by a lingering ray
Of sunlight, when long shadows gently bring
The close of day —

So often then I think of you, dear one,
Who loved the eventide, and you must know
From you I learned to mark the shadowed light,
The crimson afterglow —

When birds have gone to rest and when the night
Is ushered in by one, lone, crystal star,
So often then I think that you are near —
I hope you are.

Sylvia Probst Young

Carrie Wright Probst has also written articles and pageants for town and Church presentations, and is the author of many poems for special occasions.

During 1960 several Midway women who were active in writing fields formed a writer's group to study literature and careers in writing. Some who have been active in this group include Mrs. Orma Whitaker Wallengren, Mrs. Shirley Chatwin, Mrs. Mary Peterson and Mrs. Mildred Larsen. Mrs. Wallengren is a very successful writer in the field of TV and radio script.

DANCING

Though not practiced as an art of any magnitude, dancing in Midway has always been a part of the cultural scene. Entertainment dancing has constantly been part of the community life, and has been supplemented by ballet and creative dancing. Miss Valerie Jones, queen of the 1960 Wasatch County Fair, has been the most prominent in artistic dancing. She teaches several classes in addition to her own performances, and has provided scores of programs with her dancing and singing groups. In the earlier life of Midway, step-dancing was extremely popular. Some of the outstanding dancers were Eliza Van Wagoner Epperson, Robert B. Ross, Alvah J. Alexander and Charles I. Bronson.

Recently, folk dancing has been revived in the community. It is being taught in the Midway schools very successfully. Each spring a Folk Dance Festival is presented by students of the schools.

DRAMATICS

In early Midway days, when there were no electric lights, radios, moving pictures, television programs, and not even medicine shows, minstrel shows or traveling stock companies, people had to improvise and create their own entertainment. They often held campfire parties, dances in the town hall, took hayrides on summer evenings or bobsled rides in the winter and turned to the production of plays as recreation and entertainment.

Dramatic clubs were organized to produce the early plays, and from newspaper clippings, diaries and information in private collections it can be surmised that the plays were well presented and very well attended and enjoyed. Typical of the dramas presented were "The Noble Outcast," and "Bound By An Oath."

Those mentioned prominently in early Midway dramatics were John Morton, Attewell Wootton Sr., Robert B. Ross Jr., Henry T. Coleman, Simon Epperson, John T. Van Wagoner, William Matthews, Caroline Wardell, Ella Alexander Ross, Avis Bronson Van Wagoner, Emily Springer Coleman, Lillie Springer Alexander and Birdie Huffaker.

Dramatics has continued to be a popular pastime in Midway in the 1900's. In recent years the Church has sponsored nearly all the plays and drama work. However, community productions were still important events in the years between the two World Wars. Some of the plays that were most successful included "Down East," "The Octoroom," "Joe

Ruggles," "Millie the Quadroon," "In Old Arizona," "Old R.F.D.," as well as many old-time melodrama productions.

Some of the players included the following: George A. Huntington, George J. Wilson, Joseph E. Huber, Nathan C. Springer, David A. Wootton, Henry S. Coleman, Joseph Van Wagoner, Dermont Huffaker, Guy Coleman, Vernal Huffaker, Samuel Burgi, Nate C. Coleman, Reed Alder, John (Jack) Buehler, Dale Coleman, LaMont McQuarrie, William Tate, Edward Wootton, Keith Coleman, William Carmack, Luella Van Wagoner Brienholt, Vera Epperson Clayton, Ida Bonner Wootton, Eva Bonner Jensen, Lethe Coleman Tatge, Merle Coleman Madsen, Teresa Abplanalp Coleman, Lota Huffaker Wilson, Ellen Wilson Ellertson, Edith Bronson Van Waggoner, Ruth Coleman Phillips, Birdine Huffaker Tippetts, Rhea Coleman Guild, Chloe Coleman Madsen, Jennie Epperson Ross and Mabel Van Wagoner Workman.

In Church drama work Mrs. Maud Derry has made many valuable contributions, along with Marie Kohler, Mrs. Emily Coleman, Lethe Tatge, Merle Dean, Teresa Abplanalp Coleman and Carrie Probst.

One outstanding dramatic winter in Midway saw the production



A dramatic achievement in Midway was a pageant presented by the Midway First Ward in 1921. Careful detail was given to costumes and the decorations, as shown here in this photograph. Participants shown here, facing the camera are Kenneth Van Wagoner, Margaret Young Van Wagoner with baby Dale, June Van Wagoner, Bernice Alder and Leona Abegglen (both standing), Margaret Faucett Van Wagoner, Maud Coleman and Teresa Coleman. Girls in the front not facing the camera include Marjorie Alder, Beulah Giles, Belva Van Wagoner, Madeline Stewart and Melba Holmes.

She was a devoted wife and mother, loved and respected by her family and many friends. She reared three grandchildren, David, Samuel and Belle Holfeltz.

Children of John and Rachel were:

John Holfeltz, married Isabell Hair.

Ellis Jane Holfeltz, married Luke E.

Provost

Rachel Holfeltz, married Wilford Van Wagener

Mary A. Holfeltz, died

Elizabeth C. Holfeltz, married John Hair

George W. Holfeltz, married Berthina Christenson

Janett Holfeltz, married John O'Driscoll

James T. Holfeltz, married Emma Henry.

HERBERT HORSLEY

Herbert Horsley, pioneer of the Midway Fort String days, was born September 6, 1845, at Alcester, England, a son of Thomas Horsley and Ann Maiden. He came to Utah in 1862 in the Henry W. Miller Company.

He married Sarah Edghill, who was born July 23, 1845, and was a pioneer of 1863 in the John W. Wooley Company.

Herbert also married Lucy Smith Skinner January 1, 1899, at Soda Springs, Idaho. She was a daughter of William and Mary Mole Smith, and had been born August 18, 1857, at Bristol, England.

Herbert was a Seventy in the Church, served as a missionary to Great Britain in 1896-97, and also in 1905. During his life he was a justice of the peace and a notary public.

Children born to Herbert and Sarah included:

Thomas H., married Louisa Lan

James M., married Matilda Jensen

Harriet, married John Montrose

Elizabeth, married Hugh Dorrien

Sarah Ann, married D. H. Rowley

Sodine, married Jessie Moore

Laura, married W. G. Carr

George

Willard

Harry, married Ella Jensen

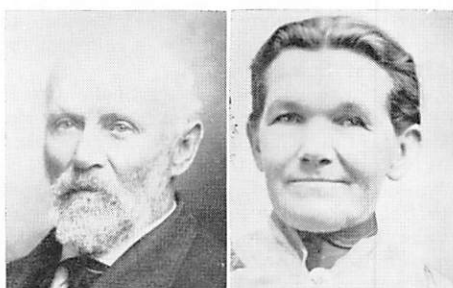
Sophia, married J. J. Hays

Alice, married Brig Skinner.

Mabel Lucy was the child born to Herbert and Lucy Smith Skinner.

JOHN AND MARY MAGDLENA MUNZ HUBER

John Huber, son of Johannes Huber and



Anna Elizabeth Huber. Born November 1, 1840, in Dottnacht, Switzerland. Married Mary Magdalena Munz October 18, 1863, in Payson. Died November 16, 1914, in Midway.

Mary Magdlena Munz, daughter of Heinrich Munz and Elizabeth Munz Munz. Both had same surname. Born January 26, 1843, at Dantzhausen, Canton Turgau, Switzerland. Died July 10, 1935, Midway.

John Huber immigrated to Utah in 1863, leaving Switzerland on May 3. The ship, Antarctic, carried 300 passengers and was on the ocean 49 days.

He crossed the plains with the Peter Nebeker Company, arriving on October 13, 1863. On October 18, 1863, John Huber and Mary Magdalena Munz were married at the Payson home of John Diem, with Bishop Fairbanks performing the ceremony. He was met at Payson by his mother and stepfather, Martin and Anna Elizabeth Naegeli, who had immigrated in 1861.

In the Spring of 1864 John Huber and his wife moved to Provo Valley, where the first settlers had come in 1859-60. They located in the upper settlement of Mound City. They lived in a log house near the old Schneitter home. A baby boy was born in October, but died, and was buried in the first cemetery on the hill.

In 1868 Mr. Huber and most able-bodied men found well-paid employment on the Union Pacific Railroad, approaching Green River. Many men brought home wagons, stoves, teams, etc. John Huber and Jacob Buehler operated one of the first saw mills on Snake Creek, west of the Provo River. Logs were hauled from surrounding mountains and sawed into lumber. In 1870 a house was partly built for the family when Mr. Huber was called on a mission to Switzerland. He left April 17, 1871 and returned July 4, 1874. He served as president of the Swiss mission. He helped to translate the

Book of Mormon from the English to the German language and was editor of the *Millennial Star*.

The farm was located up Snake Creek. Soon after, the family moved from Snake Creek to Little Cottonwood where he worked as weighmaster at the stone quarry. The stones were loaded, shipped, and delivered to Salt Lake City for building of the Salt Lake Temple. Two years later Mr. Huber moved to Salt Lake, and later returned to Midway and the farm.

Mr. Huber was a prominent citizen taking part in most community projects of varied interests: He was a Black Hawk War veteran, agent for Wasatch and Jordan Valley railroad, census taker from 1880-1900, member of the school board for 24 years, secretary of the Midway Irrigation Company for 10 years, Justice of the Peace for two years, agent for crop reporting for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, teacher of a class in penmanship. He compiled a history of Midway Ward from 1859 to 1900, and took the school census.

Mr. Huber was an accomplished musician. He composed many poems and set the words to music. He organized a choir, a male chorus, glee club, and furnished music for church, conferences, ward entertainments, and funerals.

He was ward clerk for thirty years from 1878 to 1908 and was known for the almost perfect records he kept.

Mr. Huber built several houses in Midway, some of which are still standing. He and his family—sons, grandsons, and granddaughters—served 43 years in the mission fields.

Mary Magdlena was the third of five children in her family. The family was religiously inclined, claiming membership in the Church of the Reformation.

When Mary was seven her mother died, and she grew up with a step-mother, attending school and learning household duties. At the age of 20 she became intensely interested in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With a close friend, Amelia Stumpf, she would walk a distance of eight miles to hear the missionaries preach.

Mary was baptized a member of the Church April 15, 1861. In the meantime, her brother Conrad and sister Bertha came to America, and she and her friend Amelia followed in 1863. They traveled by train to Florence, Nebraska, and then came by team

the rest of the way to Salt Lake. At Chimney Rock, Mary and Amelia were walking arm in arm during a heavy storm, when lightning struck them. Amelia was killed, and Mary knocked unconscious. She was revived and rode part of the way in a wagon after that.

The company, headed by John Huber, landed in Salt Lake September 24, 1863, and Mary went to Payson where her grandparents Naegeli had settled two years earlier. On October 23 she married John Huber and their first home was a large room where eight other people slept on the floor every night. John worked at a cannery in Payson.

In the spring of 1864 John and Mary moved to Midway, living with Dr. John Gerber and family.

During her husband's missionary service, his work in Salt Lake and all his labors in Midway, Mary stood by as a faithful wife and mother. She was a member of the first Relief Society in Midway, and served as a counselor to Elizabeth Wintch and also to Martha Bronson. She was an officer in the Relief Society for more than 20 years.

Mary maintained her home and farm on Snake Creek, where she died at the age of 93.

Children of John and Mary Huber are:

John Martin Huber, married Elizabeth Gertsch

Henry Albert Huber, married Margaret Abegglen

Mary Magdalena Huber Probst, married Jacob Probst

Emma Elizabeth Huber Gibson, married James Gibson

Eliza Otilla Huber Gibson, married Alexander Gibson

Matilda Huber

Nephi Huber, married Ann Bronson

Joseph Emanuel Huber

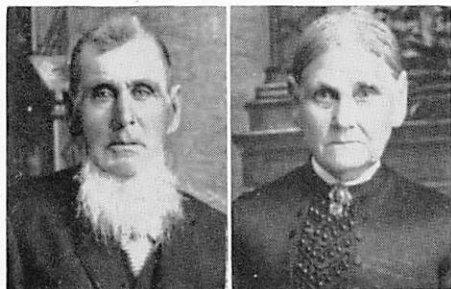
Ida Huber Abplanalp, married William Abplanalp.

JAMES JACKSON

James Jackson was born in Hampden Roads, Norfolk County, Virginia, on the tenth of April, 1836, to Mr. Jackson and Lucinda Brewster Jackson. He died in Salt Lake City on January 26, 1925. He was a Confederate soldier, and a veteran of the Black Hawk War. He drew a pension for his services in the Black Hawk War.

Jeremiah Albert Jr.
 Sidney Theophilus
 Mary Jane Tietjen
 Electa Ruth Henigar
 Matilda Evelyn Ludw
 Bessie Henrietta Dahlwig
 Francis Sophia Smith.

JEREMIAH AND RUTH TUCKER ROBEY



Jeremiah Robey, son of Jeremiah Robey and Mary Ogden Robey. Born April 14, 1809 in Harrison County, West Virginia.

Married Ruth Tucker November 7, 1833. Died November 22, 1903, Midway.

Ruth Tucker was born June 26, 1816 at Shinston, West Virginia, a daughter of Jeremiah and Ruth Ashcroft Tucker. She died in Midway, January 17, 1892.

Jeremiah Robey's parents were among the wealthy, prominent people of Harrison County and had a large family of sturdy sons and daughters. His mother was a sister to Susan Ogden Bigler, the mother of the late Bathsheba Bigler Smith, and grandmother of Edna and Juliana Smith, widows of the late President Joseph F. Smith.

In his early manhood Mr. Robey learned the trade of carpenter and cabinetmaker. He went from one place to another where carpenters were needed, always demanding a good wage. His uncle, Mark Bigler and wife Susan, had become members of the Church and had moved to Nauvoo. Mrs. Robey had also been converted, but her husband had not, he was away in Indiana on a carpenter job. Mrs. Robey decided to go to Nauvoo. She took her three little children and joined the Biglers there. They wrote Mr. Robey that work was plentiful in Nauvoo, so he met his family there in 1841. His wife had been a member of the Church for three years, but as yet he had not been converted.

When they arrived in Nauvoo, they were welcomed by his friends and uncle's family. After remaining in Nauvoo for a short time, he was converted to the Gospel, and was baptized in May, 1841, by the Prophet Joseph Smith. In October, 1842, he was ordained an Elder by Wilford Woodruff.

While in Nauvoo he worked unceasingly on the Temple and was the one to hang the last door. He went through all the trials and persecutions of the saints at that time, but never faltered in his faith. He was very much grieved over the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum. After he left Nauvoo he went to Pisgah, where he remained for a time and then went to Council Bluffs and from there he joined the David Wood Company and came to Utah, arriving in Provo in August, 1852. While in Provo, he, in company with Edwin Bunnell, worked as a cabinet-maker and carpenter. He settled in Provo on the advice of his cousin, George A. Smith, who said there was need of carpenters and cabinetmakers in that place. In 1859, he came to Midway and was one of the early settlers of Provo Valley. After arriving here he devoted most of his time to farming, as his second son, Jeremiah A. Robey, had learned the trade of carpentry and could handle most of the work here.

On November 7, 1833, he married Ruth Tucker, by whom he had ten children. In 1876, he went on a mission to his old home in West Virginia and met most of his relatives, whom he had not seen since 1841.

He was one of the pioneer bee-raisers of this valley, and he set out some of the first fruit trees—apple, pear and plum. He raised currants, gooseberries, and strawberries for his own table and had success with celery.

For a number of years he was recorder for the Snake Creek Mining District, and he held the position of school trustee for over thirteen years. He was a quiet, unassuming man. He lived to see his fifth generation and had a picture taken with them. He was always an earnest advocate of the gospel, and loved to bear his testimony to its truthfulness. He impressed upon his family and friends the knowledge he knew that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. After the death of his wife in 1892, he made his home with his youngest daughter, Matilda Springer, until his death.

After an illness of one week, at the age of 94 years and seven months, he passed away. In his latter days he did a great

deal of temple work for his ancestors, both in the Salt Lake and Manti Temples.

Ruth came to Utah with her husband and five children, and settled in Provo. She joined the Church in her native state, West Virginia, in 1838, having been converted by some missionaries who were laboring in that section.

When she left with her children to go to Nauvoo she had no idea she would not return again to her West Virginia home and her people, but she never did, and never saw any of them again. She moved to Midway with her husband and family in the spring of 1859.

She endured many of the trials and hardships incidental to pioneer life, but was always cheerful and contented.

She was hospitable and made every one welcome in her home; no one was turned away hungry from her door. She was a good hand in sickness and helped many who were suffering and in pain. She was always kind to little children and was loved and revered by her grandchildren. At the death of her daughter, Susan, she took her three little motherless girls and reared them to womanhood, caring for them as though they were her very own. The girls were: Sarah Jane Ross, who married Henry Alexander, Jr.; Susan Ross, who married William O'Neil; and Lavernia Virginia Ross, who married Hiram Gould, and later Fred Eder.

She was a sweet singer and used to sing the old-fashioned songs, and tell stories of her early days and experiences in crossing the plains and during the early Indian troubles. She loved to bear her testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the Lord. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. She died very suddenly while sitting in her chair on a Sunday morning at the age of 75 years and six months. She is buried in the Midway Cemetery.

The children of Jeremiah and Ruth Tucker Robey were:

Theophilus Katen, married Sarah Mathews and later Maria Rolfe;

Mary Jane, married Sidney H. Epperson;

Susan Luvernia, married James Ross;

James Allison, died in infancy;

Maria and Sophia, twins, died in early childhood;

Jeremiah Albert, married Martha Dowdle;

Matilda, married Nathan Springer;

Twin boys, who died at birth.

SIMON AND MARIA BAMBERGER SCHNEITTER

Simon Schneitter was born July 6, 1828, in Wimmis, Bern, Switzerland.

Maria Louisa Dintheer Bamberger, who became his wife, was born April 17, 1821, in Erlen, Bern, Switzerland. Maria Bamberger had a daughter by her first husband, Maria Louisa, born July 24, 1853, in Grover, Bern, Switzerland.

To Simon and Maria was born a son, Simon Jabez, on June 30, 1860 in Wimmis, Bern, Switzerland.

Simon was a watchmaker by trade, owning his own shop. His wife worked with him. He made the watches and she made the cases.

When the Latter-day Saints missionaries came to their home in about 1862, they were welcomed and often stayed with them. Before long the message the missionaries brought was accepted by their hosts.

Simon and Maria sold their business and made preparations to go to America. With their two children they left Switzerland for Liverpool, England. The ship *Antartic*, left Liverpool on May 23, 1863 with 486 immigrants. The ship docked at Castle Garden, New York, on Friday, July 10, 1863. From Castle Garden they went to Albany, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago, Quincy and St. Joseph, Mo. Then by steamboat up the Missouri River to Florence, Neb., where they outfitted themselves with wagon, ox team and supplies for their trek across the plains. They left Florence, Neb., July 25, 1863, in the John R. Murdock Company, arriving in Salt Lake Valley, Sept. 9, 1863.

A few weeks after their arrival in the Valley they learned they were to go to Midway to join other Swiss families who had already settled there. It was late in the fall when they started. Cold weather and snow made it impossible to go through the mountains, so they camped on Provo Bench until the snow had melted the following spring and the wagons could be driven through the canyon.

On their arrival in Midway they were greeted by other Swiss families. They felt at home in this beautiful valley as it reminded them of Switzerland, surrounded as it was, by mountains much like their homeland.

They settled on several acres of land on which was one large hot pot and several small ones. A log house was built in Snake

Creek Canyon which stood until about 1900 when it was destroyed by fire.

The land had to be cleared of sage brush so that crops could be planted. Although farming was entirely new to them, they soon learned to cultivate the land. It was not long before crops were growing all around the hot pots. Cattle and chickens were added and soon they were making their living off the land.

When Park City had developed into a mining town and Provo had been settled, people heard of the hot pots and would go over in their wagons to see them. It was then that they dreamed of building a hotel and resort. In 1886 a two-story brick hotel and a swimming pool was started. The hotel, still in use, is now known as the "Virginia House." A hole was drilled at the base of the large hot pot and the water was piped to the pool. It became a very popular bathing resort. Visitors came from many parts of the United States to spend their vacation and to bathe in the invigorating mineral water.

Maria Louisa Schneitter died Sept. 4, 1893 and Simon Schneitter died Sept. 17, 1900. After their death, their son, Simon Jabez, his wife and family operated the Hot Pot Resort. His family operated it until 1951 when it was sold to the Whitaker Brothers, the present owners. Thus ended 87 years of ownership by the Schneitter family.

Their daughter Maria Louisa was ten years old when they found their new home in Midway. She helped her step-father clear the land, plant and harvest the crops. Every Friday, during the spring, summer and fall, she and her step-father drove to Salt Lake City with a wagon load of butter, eggs and vegetables. Some of the most prominent people in Salt Lake City were their regular customers. Mrs. Conrad Wilkinson who operated a millinery shop was one of their regular customers. On one of her trips she mentioned to Mrs. Wilkinson that she would like to stay in Salt Lake as she thought there were more advantages in the city for a young girl. She stayed in her home, attending school, until Mrs. Wilkinson's health compelled her to close the shop. Maria Louisa then went to live in the home of Dr. Joseph Benedict. She married Richard Alfred Watts in 1882 and raised a family of seven children, six sons and one daughter, all of them living when she passed away July 29, 1932, in Salt Lake City at the age of 79.

CHRISTIAN AND MARIA BURGNER SCHONEY

Christian Schoney is remembered by a neighbor as a kindly man. He succeeded Mr. Bradley and became the second man to



serve as custodian of the Midway LDS Church. His duties were many. He kept the wood floors clean, the lamps filled with oil, the wicks trimmed, and the lamp chimneys washed, to insure clear, good lights. He built fires in the large iron stoves very early on Sunday mornings, because the large building must be not only comfortable—but safely warmed for the very old, and the very young who would attend Sunday services. After which he returned home to prepare for his own attendance.

Later, well groomed, white shirt, high stiff collar and black alpaca suit he returned to Church carrying in his hand a white plate on which was the sacrament bread carefully wrapped in a white napkin. Thirty minutes before the service, he rang the large bell in the steeple. He walked up the aisle to the front of the altar, opened the lined chest and removed the polished sacrament service, silver plates, silver goblets and tall silver pitchers, and placed them carefully on the table with its snowy cloth. Now, with all in readiness he took the first seat on the back row, and welcomed each member with a pleasant "good morning."

He rang the bell for each funeral. After the initial ringing—he carefully tolled out the years of that person's age.

He took pride in his work, and magnified his calling.

Maria Burgner Schoney was born August 23, 1847, in Gaulensee, Canton Bern, Switzerland, to Jacob and Maria Mullenmatter Burgener.

They came to Utah in 1864, with the George W. Snow Company, settling in Midway.

She married Christian Schoney November 21, 1867, in Provo.

Twelve children were born to them. While living in Midway, in 1880, the family was stricken with diphtheria. Three children died within 24 hours. They had to prepare them for burial themselves and then someone came for the bodies in the middle of the night and buried them. This left them with only one child, Maria, as other children had died earlier. Then Joseph was born.

Maria Carlina was born December 18, 1874, married Karl Mitchell, April 9, 1896.

Joseph Clarence was born August 7, 1894, married Merne Johnson December 27, 1915.

Maria Schoney was loved and respected by all who knew her. She was honest, hard working and a wonderful mother. She died at age 75, July 6, 1922.

STEPHEN AND ABIGAIL HARRIS SHELTON

Stephen Shelton was born in North Carolina about 1809, a son of Stephen and Elizabeth Shelton. He married twice. His first wife, Nancy Brown, was born May 17, 1792, and died about 1835. He then married Abigail Harris who had also been married previously. Stephen died in Provo about 1853. Abigail died Feb. 20, 1889, in Ashley, and is buried in Midway.

Abigail and her family of seven children lived in the Fort String at Midway. They had come with Stephen Shelton to Utah in the Captain Melvin Ross Company and settled in Provo where Stephen died.

Stephen was known as a good violin player, making his own instruments on which to play. He was also a skilled shoemaker and tanned his own leather.

His first wife, Nancy Brown, was a skilled nurse and had traveled many miles on horse back to visit the sick and needy. They were the parents of four boys and a girl. After Nancy's death the boys remained in Illinois and the daughter came west with her father and step-mother.

Abigail had been previously married and had a daughter, Rilda Goforth who later married Thomas Mantle. Stephen's daughter by his first marriage, Mary Ann, married John Fausett and they also lived in the Fort String.

After Stephen's death Abigail brought her family to Midway where they were reared. She endured the difficulties of pioneer life and helped build up the community. In lat-

er years she lived with a son in Ashley where she died, but was brought to Midway for burial.

Children of Stephen and Nancy were:

William Shelton

Jackson Shelton

Samuel Shelton

Mary Ann Shelton

Children of Stephen and Abigail were:

John Shelton, married Mary Morton

Elizabeth Shelton, died as an infant

Martha Jane Shelton, married James B. Hamilton

Joseph Shelton, died at the age of 21

Hyrum Shelton, married Emmalyn Sulser

Stephen Shelton, married Margaret Bonner

Abigail Shelton, married Delbert Huling-
er.

RICHARD SHERLOCK

Richard Sherlock lived in the Fort String. He operated a store in the Fort Square. No history of Mr. Sherlock is available. He was a merchant and a pioneer of Midway.

BENJAMIN MARK SMITH AND ELIZABETH AGNES WOOD SMITH



Benjamin Mark Smith, son of Warren Smith and Lydia Alexander Smith.

Born January 21, 1834, 25 east of Nashville, Tennessee.

Married Elizabeth Agnes Wood 1855, American Fork, Utah.

Died February 15, 1912, Midway.

Elizabeth Agnes Wood, daughter of David Wood and Catherine Crites Wood.

Born July 11, 1836, Osnalrich, Canada.

Died February 4, 1911, Midway.

Benjamin was a grandson of Charles Smith who was killed in the battle of New Orleans.

Warren Smith, Benjamin's father, joined

Ida Burgener, daughter of Andreas and Magdaline Meier Burgener, was born December 29, 1887, in Midway.

Alfred and Ida lived as neighbors during their childhood years, never realizing that as they grew up they would marry each other.

Shortly after the birth of their third child, Alfred was called to serve a mission for the Church. Upon completion of the successful mission, Ida and the children met him in Salt Lake and the family went together to the Salt Lake Temple to be sealed.

Alfred served in the bishopric of the Midway First Ward for some 14 years, and also was a counselor in the YMMIA. He worked for the town board and also the irrigation company, and took an active part in social events. He was often called upon to administer to the sick. He was known as a very dependable man, and lived a useful life.

Ida was born in a building that was used both as a granary and living quarters. Grain bins went to the ceiling on one side, and in the other half of the room was a kitchen, front room and a bed in the corner. All her brothers and sisters were born there, also.

She was a good worker around the house and often had the full responsibility of the home. She attended schools and had many wonderful friends.

Active in the Church, she attended all the meetings, and would sing at many of the social events. She came from a musical family, who started the first band in Midway.

She was married at age 24 and helped her husband build their first home in Midway. She supported the family while her husband served in the mission field.

The family was known as a happy family, and the children received good educations and were happily married.

The children of Alfred and Ida were:

Mrs. Walter (Elma) McDonald

Clyde, who married Della Winterton

Mrs. Irvin (Lavaun) Bowden

Grant, who married Dorothy Sharrett.

ELIJAH AND MARY JANE WILSON ALDER

Elijah Alder, born June 27, 1835, Devizes, Wiltshire County, England. Son of William and Elizabeth Bevan.

Married Mary Jane Wilson November 24,



1855. In 1861 they received endowments in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City.

Died April 21, 1899, Midway.

Mary Jane Wilson Alder, born October 25, 1836, Clair, Armagh County, Ireland. Daughter of Thomas and Jane Ellis Wilson. Married Elijah Alder, November 24, 1855.

Died November 5, 1909, Midway.

Elijah was the seventh son and tenth child of William Alder and Elizabeth Bevan. His father died early in his life.

Through the labors of the early Apostles, the family joined the Church in the early 1840's. On about April 1, 1844, the family group consisting of his mother; his brothers, John, George and Alfred; his sister Jane and a cousin Shem Pernell left Liverpool in the ship "Glasgow." After travelling for about five weeks they landed in the port of New Orleans in the early part of May. From New Orleans they traveled up the Mississippi River to Nauvoo, Illinois, arriving just a few weeks before the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph. This event happened on Elijah's ninth birthday.

Shortly after the martyrdom the family moved down the river to St. Louis, Missouri, where they resided for nine years. Elijah was baptized here on November 18, 1848 by his brother John, and was confirmed a member of the Church the same day by Elder Johnson.

During the early summer of 1853 he left St. Louis with a company of saints and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on Sept. 22. He was 18 years old when he crossed the plains.

In the spring of 1854, after spending his first winter in Salt Lake City, he moved with his brother, Alfred and family to Kaysville in Davis County.

After two years Elijah moved back to Salt Lake to engage in his profession as a trade mason. Here he married Mary Jane

Wilson. They lived in the Eleventh Ward at that time.

In 1857 he was called to go to Echo Canyon to help defend the saints during the Utah War. Through the exposure of the cold winter and lack of proper clothing he suffered an attack of pneumonia. These attacks returned to him seven times during the remainder of his life and finally resulted in his death.

The next call that came to Elijah was to go to Manti, Sanpete County. The winter spent at Manti was with extreme privation, living in a dug-out and resulting in the death of their baby through the lack of nourishment.

In the spring of 1859 the family moved back to Salt Lake City. On August 10, 1861, while still living here, they received their endowments in the Old Endowment House.

From Salt Lake City the family moved to Farmington, Davis County, where they lived by his mother and sister, Jane Bourne.

In 1863, Elijah, with his brothers Alfred and George and Cousin Shem Pernell, made up their minds to move to Cache Valley. They settled at Franklin, Idaho.

As early as about 1867 settlers began to move into the district of Hooperville in Weber County, which is located about 10 miles southwest of Ogden. In 1870 Elijah and Mary Jane loaded their belongings and moved to Hooperville. They did not stay there very long, moving on to Kaysville.

Shortly after this the family moved on to Salt Lake City again where Elijah contributed considerable time in the construction of the Salt Lake Temple. On May 19, 1872, he was ordained a Seventy in Salt Lake City by Hyrum Mikesell.

Elijah was getting along very well in Salt Lake City because he was engaged in the kind of work he had always had a desire to do, a trade mason. But, because of the fact that his wife's family had moved to the Provo Valley, and it was her desire that she be among her family, they moved to Fort Midway. In 1874, John Holfeltz, a brother-in-law, came to Salt Lake with his ox team and wagon and moved them to Midway.

In Midway, he obtained a tract of land and spent the remainder of his life as a farmer.

On February 1, 1885, he was set apart as President of the Twentieth Quorum of Seventy by Elder John W. Taylor at Heber

City. He retained this position for 14 years until his death, at which time he was the Senior President of the Quorum.

He was known as an expert trade mason.

He died out of debt, and the impression of honesty was taught to his children who followed in his footsteps and have also been honest in their dealings. Elijah Alder was an honorable man all the days of his life wherever he went. The thing that was utmost in his life was his service to his church to which he had given practically all his means and strength to uphold.

Mary Jane Wilson was 18 years of age when she left her home in Scotland and came to Utah. She walked the entire distance across the plains, arriving in Salt Lake City in 1854. The first work she found was in the home of Judge Stiles, who was very wealthy. She was working at this home at the time of a severe famine in Salt Lake. She was placed in charge of filling baskets for the needy.

Shortly after this she met and married Elijah Alder, and moved with him later to Sanpete County. Through several moves, illness, deaths of children and many difficult, sorrowful experiences, she stood by her husband with a willing, helpful hand.

When her husband was called to Echo Canyon he had no shirt to wear, so Mary Jane cut up her bed tick to make a shirt and fashion sacks for shoes for his feet. She was left alone with only 25 pounds of flour and green willows to burn.

Throughout her life she was known as a kind, charitable woman, especially noted for her generosity. Everyone loved to visit her home, for they were greeted with a welcome hand. Before undertakers were available, she cared for the dead, and made burial clothing and shoes. At one time it was estimated that at least a third of those buried in the Midway Cemetery were buried in clothing made by her.

Children of Elijah and Mary Jane Wilson Alder:

Elijah Alder, born October 9, 1857, died July 23, 1858

Mary Jane Alder, born July 10, 1859, Salt Lake City, married Peter Abplanalp.

Jane Ellis Alder, born November 19, 1861, married Henry Watkins. Died March 2, 1941

George Alder, born February 7, 1863. Died in infancy

James Thomas Alder, born October 18, 1865, died March 18, 1940. Never married.

William Walter Alder, born November 26, 1868. Married Jean Maitland Coleman. Died January 30, 1955

Elizabeth Alder, born February 18, 1871. Married Hugh Clotworthy Coleman. Died November 18, 1896

Alonzo Alder, born July 21, 1873, died August 20, 1949. Married Caroline Abplanalp

Alfred Lorenzo Alder, born November 7, 1875, died October 16, 1946. Married Ida Burgener.

WILLIAM WALTER AND JEAN MAITLAND COLEMAN ALDER



William Walter Alder, born November 26, 1868, at Franklin, Idaho, a son of Elijah and Mary Jane Wilson Alder. Married Jean Maitland Coleman, March 1, 1898, at Midway. Died January 30, 1955, at Midway.

Jean Maitland Coleman Alder was born May 11, 1876, in Midway, a daughter of William and Mary Clotworthy Coleman.

William W. Alder was the fourth child of Elijah and Mary Jane Wilson Alder. His family moved to Midway when he was about eight years old. William received his education in the Midway school and enjoyed the rich experiences that come from living in a large devoted Latter-day Saint family.

He was a farmer and a stockman. He operated a sheep business for many years. He was one of the old pioneers that hauled supplies to Park City when the mining camp was booming. He worked as a teamster hauling timber from the mountains west of Midway to the mines. William worked hard to provide for his family. He was adept at any job he undertook.

During the early years of his married life he and his two brothers James T. and Alfred established a meat market, believed to be the first in Midway.

All his life William Alder maintained an active interest in all activities designed for the temporal, spiritual and cultural benefit of the people in his community. He loved the things that made life worthwhile and had the reputation for honesty and fair dealing.

When he married Jean M. Coleman they moved into a brick home which William had built himself.

Jean M. Coleman was the youngest daughter of William and Mary C. Coleman. She attended school at Midway. At an early age she shared with her sister Elizabeth the responsibility of caring for the home and their mother who was always under a doctor's care. At least once a week they would cook dinner for this doctor and often two doctors who drove a horse and buggy from Park City to care for their mother. Before their mother became bedfast, the family often traveled by team and wagon to Salt Lake City to sell their farm produce and purchase clothes, furniture, and the things they were unable to buy at Heber City. Before these trips in the fall of the year, Jean and Elizabeth spent days and days gathering the hops which grew wild. These large sacks of hops brought a fancy price at the market in Salt Lake and the girls were able to have ribbons and lovely material for new dresses.

Her mother died when Jean was 12 years of age. Later the two brothers and Elizabeth married, and Jean then kept house for her father. After the death of his wife, Hugh and his son, Vernell, lived with Jean and her father; and then continued to make their home with Jean and her husband until Hugh remarried.

Jean was a beautiful and capable young lady, taking an active part in the YWMA. She married William Alder at the home of her sister, Elizabeth and William Wilson. Jean and William moved into a brick home just two blocks from where she was born. She still resides in this home, to which another wing has been added.

Jean Coleman Alder's married life has been full and colorful. Her home has always been open to her family and many friends. She has taken an active part in church and civic affairs. Among her many offices were: a teacher in Sunday School, a class leader, a visiting teacher in the Relief Society, and a counselor in Primary. She was a charter member in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, serving as captain of the Hawthorne Camp for 16 years.

The following children were born to Jean and William Alder: Mrs. Craig (Mabel) Fisher, Mrs. Wade (Odetta) Cummings, Mrs. Squire (Bernice) Simpson, Clyde William (died in infancy), Avon Burton (married Margaret Magee), Hugh Ciotworthy (married Beulah Giles), Mrs. Boyd (Marjorie) Cummings.

ALVAH JEDATHAN ALEXANDER AND ELIZABETH SOULE ALEXANDER



Acting Bishop of Midway Ward, 1902-1903.

John Alexander came from Sterling, Scotland, in 1640 and settled in Windsor, Connecticut. He had three sons with him, George, John and Thomas.

John Jedathan was a descendant of George who married Susan Sage at Windsor, March 18, 1644. In 1655 they, with others, settled North Hampton, Massachusetts which they purchased from the Indians.

John, son of George and Susan, married Sarah Gaylord November 18, 1671.

Ebenezer, son of John and Sarah, married Mehitable Buch, October 10, 1709. They lived in Northfield, Vermont, where he was a deacon in his church for forty years.

Thomas, son of Ebenezer and Mehitable married Phoebe (maiden name not known) December 11, 1754.

Jabez, son of Thomas and Phoebe, married Louisa Poole, February 13, 1777.

Alvah, son of Jabez and Louisa, married Phoebe Houston, May 9, 1822, at Acurth, New Hampshire.

Alvah Jedathan, son of Alvah and Phoebe, was born September 21, 1831, at Northfield, Vermont. The family joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. They were close neighbors to the Prophet Joseph Smith. The children of both families played together.

Alvah was 13 years old when the Prophet was martyred. He went with his father to meet the body of Joseph Smith when it was taken from Carthage.

Alvah came to Utah with his parents in October, 1852, in the Captain Harmon Cutler company.

Elizabeth "Betsy Kincade" Soule Alexander was born February 6, 1834 at Dexter, Maine, daughter of Solomon and Lydia Bessee Soule.

In 1853 her family left for the gold rush in California.

In the fall of 1853 with an independent company of emigrants they arrived in Utah too late to continue their journey. They settled down to spend the winter in East Mill Creek, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Miss Soule found a job with a Mr. Roberts as a glove maker. While in his employment she heard of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was convinced in her heart that it was true.

During the winter she met Alvah Jedathan Alexander and on March 13, 1854, she became his bride.

Her family left Utah for California in the spring which was a great heart ache for her. She never had the privilege of seeing any of them again except one brother. She was a splendid nurse and went day and night wherever she was needed.

In the year 1870, her family moved to Midway, where she became very active in the organizations of the church.

She has the distinction of being a descendant of George Soule who came to America in the famous "Mayflower" and planted his feet on the Plymouth Rock in 1620.

She died December 17, 1924, at the age of 90.

She and her husband were the parents of 11 children:

Mary Elizabeth Alexander, married James O'Neil

Phoebe Alexander, married George Bonner

Alvah Alexander, married Dezzie Bonner
Adelbert Alexander, married Uiola Eperson

Ella Gertrude Alexander, married Robert Bell Ross

Frederic Soule Alexander, died when child

Ada DeAna Alexander, married Thomas Edmundston Bonner

Charles Edwin Alexander, married Lalla Ruth Springer

Charles Arthur Burgener
 Mary Merle Burgener Lenzi
 Laverna Burgener Thorpe
 Maynard Lamont Burgener
 Violet Burgener Richardson Prescott.

JOHANNES (JOHN) AND MARY MURRI BURGNER



Johannes (John), was born March 31, 1858, in Spiez, Bern, Switzerland, and came to Utah with his parents, Jacob and Maria Muhlematter Burgener, at the age of six years. He grew up in Midway and was active in the Church and community. He married Mary Murri November 27, 1878, in Midway, later they went to the Logan Temple. When the Swiss Brass Band was organized by Andreas Burgener, John was one of the original members. The band played on many occasions in Midway and surrounding towns. John was a farmer, stock raiser, and horticulturist, doing most of his farming in Snake Creek and Lamb Canyon—property now owned by Nephi Probst. He also did odd jobs when he could get them. They had a small home in Lamb Canyon, then they moved into Midway for awhile, then they moved to the Sulzer place on Creek Hill where he built the home and where most of the family were born. John was an Elder and a ward teacher and he was called on many times to administer to the sacrament, as the older men did it then. In his later years, John sold part of his property to Ulrich Probst but kept the property surrounding the home and down to the creek and some in Snake Creek. He died at the family home on January 23, 1918 in Midway.

John's wife, Mary Murri, was born April 16, 1861, in Langnau, Bern, Switzerland, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Grossen Murri. She came with her parents to Utah and Midway, leaving her friends in Switzer-

land. She was a pleasant, hard-working Swiss woman and took care of her family after her husband's death. She lived at the home, renting the farm ground until she could sell it. She finally sold the place to John A. Sulzer, who married her daughter, Elizabeth, and they moved to the home where her sons Alma and Joseph Burgener now live. She was left a widow for 26 years and died at the family home on February 13, 1944 and buried in Midway. They raised a family of ten children as follows:

John Jacob, born January 3, 1879, in Midway. He married Clara Durtschi on April 5, 1905. They had 11 children. He died January 15, 1927 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

George Albert, born April 13, 1880, in Midway. He married first Naomi Alice Vail, recently retired postmistress of Midway, on August 15, 1906. They had three children. He married second, Emily Almira Bunce, November 11, 1925, and they now reside in Richmond, California.

Mary Elizabeth, born April 11, 1881, in Midway and married John Albert Sulzer, May 25, 1898. They had six children, several still living in Midway. She died June 2, 1945.

Henry Alma, born April 15, 1883, in Midway, married Hazel McDonald. They had two children. He now lives in Midway.

Edward Lawrence, born January 18, 1887, in Midway, married Sophronia Krebs March 25, 1916. They had four children. He now herds sheep near Currant Creek in Duchesne County.

William Walter, born September 15, 1889, in Midway, married first, Kate Van Wagoner, October 10, 1913. He married second, Celestia Cummings June 14, 1920, they have two children. They live in Heber City.

Grace Eve, born January 5, 1893 in Midway, married Willard McDonald November 9, 1910. They have five children. She now lives at Roosevelt, Utah.

Karl Andrew, born March 13, 1896, in Midway. He never married. Died on February 10, 1929.

Joseph Burnell, born June 24, 1899, in Midway, married first, Mae Casper, December 24, 1928, married second, Vivian Brooks, they had two children. He now lives in Midway.

Hazel May, born December 20, 1902, in Midway, married to Arley Christian Sorensen, April 16, 1921. They have two children and now reside in Burbank, California.

JOHN JACOB AND CLARA DURTSCHI BURGNER



John Jacob, son of Johannes (John) and Mary Murri Burgener, was born January 3, 1879, in Midway. He grew up in Midway attending school there and was active in the priesthood quorums of the church. He was called to serve as a missionary in Switzerland and left November 25, 1901. He fulfilled a successful, honorable mission, returning August 11, 1904. After his return he married Clara Durtschi, whom he met in Switzerland, on April 5, 1905. He worked in the mines at Park City besides running a small farm in the Dutch Fields. They moved to Park City for a while and then returned to Midway. He went to Teton Basin, Idaho, with his wife's parents when they moved and had the desire to go there to make his home. They finally made the move on November 20, 1919, where they purchased a ranch. He was choir leader and active in the Darby Ward, Teton Stake. He went on a short-term six months' mission to Canada, leaving November 13, 1925, and returning May 1, 1926. At this time his son Edward came to Midway to live with his Grandmother Burgener, while his father was gone. On his return from Canada, he was called to be bishop of the Darby Ward, Teton Stake, from July 4, 1926, until his death on January 15, 1927. He died in the Idaho Falls Hospital, Idaho.

John Jacob's wife, Clara Durtschi, daughter of Edward and Rosina Katherina Hiltbrand Durtschi, was born February 8, 1885, in Wimmis, Bern, Switzerland. She was a convert to the church, leaving her family and home to come to America with her Uncle and Aunt. She left them in Chicago to visit a brother living there. She couldn't speak English and had such a hard time getting work she decided to come to Midway and join her Uncle and Aunt. She was hap-

pily surprised to find that the young man, John Jacob Burgener, whom she met in Switzerland lived in Midway and after his return he baptized Clara and later she married him. She lived in Midway for 14 years. When her husband died she was left with 11 children to raise and a farm to run, which she did run for awhile but decided it would be better to lease the farm and move her family, nine at that time, the oldest being married, to Provo. She sacrificed much to give her family all the advantages she could. She sent three of her sons into the mission field. Three of them served in the armed forces. Two were bishops and another one in the bishopric. She lives at present in Linden, Utah County, Utah, near her daughter, Lily and family. Their children are as follows:

Clara, born December 20, 1905, in Midway, married Stephen Yocum, September 15, 1924. They have four children and live in Alhambra, California.

William John, born December 19, 1906, in Midway, married Anita Larsen June 25, 1927. They have seven children and reside in Darby Ward, Teton County, Idaho. He was in the bishopric of the Darby Ward for 14 years.

Joseph Reed, born August 13, 1908, in Midway. He fulfilled a mission to Brazil and married Letha Ercanbrack, October 16, 1934. He served as bishop of Vermont Ward, Orem Stake, for five and a half years. He also served on a stake mission. They have five daughters and live in Orem, Utah, where he is at present Chief of Police at Orem.

Alice, born May 16, 1910, in Midway, married Glenden Sorensen, May 23, 1929. She is active in the church and lives at Talmage, Duchesne County, Utah. They have six children.

Emma, born February 1, 1912, in Midway, married Ernest Lawrence Scarlet September 16, 1933. They have three daughters and live in Alhambra, California.

Edward Henry, born April 8, 1914, in Midway. He fulfilled a mission to the Northern States and married Lucile Cluff, June 7, 1937. He was active in Darby Ward of Teton Stake, Pleasant View Ward, Sharon Stake and Center Ward, Wasatch Stake. He has served 21 years in the bishopric and is at present bishop of Center Ward, Wasatch Stake where they and their five children live.

David Jacob, born January 8, 1916, in

Midway. He served in the armed forces during World War II. He married Orba Wilstenhulme, August 17, 1940. He has three children and lives in Driggs, Idaho.

Mary Ruth, born April 9, 1918, in Midway, married Otto Helmuth Weston, November 1, 1934. She is active in the Darby Ward, Teton Stake, they have had seven children and now live in Darby, Teton County, Idaho.

Nephi Walter, born March 19, 1920, in Driggs, Teton County, Idaho. He fulfilled a mission to the Central States and served in the armed forces during World War II. He married Elna Versa Loveland and they have three children, now living at Pleasant Grove, Utah County, Utah.

Lily Thelma, born September 10, 1922, in Driggs, Teton County, Idaho. She married Gordon McQuivey, October 4, 1940. She is active in the church, they have five sons and live at Linden, Utah County, Utah.

Melvin Fay, born November 13, 1924, in Driggs, Teton County, Idaho. He married Norma Jean Prestwich, November 18, 1942. He served in the armed forces in World War II and is active in the church. They have four children and live in Orem, Utah.

CHRISTIAN BURGI AND ANNA GROSSEN BURGI



As a young man of 21 years, Christian Burgi came to Midway. He was born in Koniz, Ktn. Bern, Switzerland, August 22, 1844. He was a convert to the LDS Church. He married Anna Grossen who was born in the same town he was. She came to Midway a few years after he did. They had six children, five sons and one daughter, Fred, Chris, John, Sam, George and Cecilia.

For a number of years the family lived

in Midway. The father worked in the hills cutting timber for firing the boilers in the Park City mines. Later he homesteaded some land north of town where he lived the rest of his life. He plowed the field with oxen, his wife helping by guiding them and he holding the plow. The grain they raised was cradled by hand; his wife tying the bundles.

Fred worked with his father on the farm. When he was 21 years old he moved to Ogden where he had a butcher shop and later a grocery store. He married Jenny Frank of Ogden. Fred died in 1955 and his wife a year later.

Cecilia married Tom Roark of Park City. They moved to Bellevue, Idaho. Tom worked there in the mines, but died as quite a young man. His wife raised the two girls and two boys. She died at the age of 72.

Chris married Eliza Zweifel. For a number of years he worked in the Park City mines. Later they too moved to Ogden where his widow still resides. They had five children.

John was killed at the age of twenty-one in a Park City mine.

George married Emily Smith of Park City. They had two sons and one daughter. They moved from Midway to Preston, Idaho, where George held several high offices. One was United States Marshal. He also was bishop, stake president and patriarch in the LDS church. At the age of 20 he also filled a mission for the Church in Germany.

He passed away of a heart ailment in 1954.

Sam stayed on the farm with his parents till they died, and then took over the place where he still lives and raised his family. He married Martha Nydegger, a convert to the LDS Church. He met her while on a mission in Switzerland. They had five children, four boys and one girl, three of whom are still living. Sylvan and Lacy served missions, he in Germany and she in Canada. Orson, the oldest, lives in Midway where he runs a watch repair shop.

Sam's work was that of Sunday School chorister for 25 years. Counselor in MIA and also in Sunday School for several years.

Christian Burgi died in Midway on October 16, 1926, only a few days after his wife, Anna Grossen Burgi had died, October 1, 1926.

JOHN AND ELIZABETH POWELL CLAYBURN

John Clayburn, son of Francis and Elizabeth Taylor Clayburn.

Born December 22, 1847, in Kilmore, Armah, Ireland.

Died July 18, 1927.

Baptized in LDS Church, 1855, by John M. Main and confirmed by John Scott. He was rebaptized November 26, 1876, in Midway, by Peter Abplanalp and confirmed by John O'Neil.

Elizabeth Powell, the daughter of Reese Powell, and Margaret Morgan Powell. Born 1849 in South Wales.

Was married to John Clayburn February 12, 1877, Salt Lake City, by Daniel H. Wells.

Died, March 16, 1936, Midway. Buried in Midway Cemetery.

Before he came to America John was in the British Army where he served for six years. He joined at the age of 18.

He came to America in 1873. He landed in New York where he worked for a year as a coachman. It was his duty to meet certain trains and transport the passengers to their destination in the city.

He came to Utah in 1874. He found employment in the Prince of Wales Mine. He met and courted his wife, Elizabeth Powell in Salt Lake City. They lived together in Midway until their death.

Mr. Clayburn was active in pioneering Provo Valley as well as in church and civic affairs. He filled a mission to the Northern States in 1900. He was President of the Elders Quorum and President of the Midway Ward YMIA. He was a High Priest.

At the age of 10, Elizabeth went out to work for one English pound a year. At the age of 13 she went to live and work on a farm as housekeeper for an old man and his daughter. She then became a companion to an English Lady. She was later to work in the home of a very wealthy woman. In 1863, she joined the Mormon Church, being baptized by Elder Evan Richards.

She sailed for America August 1, 1872, on the ship "Wisconsin." She came alone leaving her folks in Wales. She landed in Castle Garden, New York, after a two-week voyage. After only one day in New York she joined an emigrant train for Utah. Later her father and mother and sisters came to Utah.

She lived all of her married life in Midway, coming to the valley shortly after her marriage to John Clayburn in Salt Lake City.

She was a noble, good woman of high ideals. She had the respect and love of all who knew her. She was an ardent and capable church worker.

Children of John Clayburn and Elizabeth Powell Clayburn:

Mrs. Austin (Margaret) Kelley
Elizabeth (Libby) died in youth
Reese, married Amy Hancock
Frank, married Edith Brown
David, married Mina Giles
Mrs. Edward (Myrtle) McDonald.

HENRY THRELKELD COLEMAN & EMILY SPRINGER COLEMAN



Bishop of Midway First Ward—1906-1913.

Henry T. Coleman was born November 20, 1863, in Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah. He was the only son of Henry and Mary Jane Threlkeld Coleman. The family moved to Midway in 1864. He married Emily M. Springer on December 31, 1889. They had eleven children, ten of whom lived to adulthood.

Mr. Coleman was blessed December, 1863, in Big Cottonwood by Bishop Brinton. He was baptized in 1873 by Peter Abplanalp, Sr., and like many others at that time was re-baptized in 1880 by Elijah Alder and confirmed by John Huber. He was ordained a teacher in 1881 by David Van Wagoner; as an Elder in 1890 by Bishop David Van Wagoner; as a High Priest by Apostle Hyrum M. Smith in 1906. He was an acting teacher with John Van Wagoner, Sr., in 1881, with John Sonderegger in 1890. In 1890 he was chosen as the secretary of the

2nd Quorum of Elders to Adam Empey as President. In 1892 he was chosen as 2nd counselor in the 2nd Quorum of Elders with D. L. Van Wagoner as president, John A. Wootton as 1st counselor, and John E. Morton as secretary. In 1905 he was set apart by Bishop Joseph Francom as the 1st counselor in the YMMIA with Attewell Wootton, Jr., president; John Van Wagoner, 2nd counselor; and Robert Ross, secretary. In 1906 he was set apart as Bishop of the Midway First Ward under the hands of Apostle Hyrum M. Smith, with John U. Buehler as his first counselor, William L. Van Wagoner as his second counselor, and Charles E. Bronson as clerk. When Brother Buehler moved away, he chose William L. Van Wagoner as 1st counselor and William W. Wilson as his second counselor. When Charles Bronson went on his mission, he chose Simon Epperson to be the ward clerk. In October, 1913, Bishop Coleman was sustained as a member of the Wasatch Stake High Council and was set apart by Apostle James E. Talmage. In 1920 he was ordained the Patriarch of Wasatch Stake by the Church Patriarch, Hyrum G. Smith. This position he held at his death.

Mr. Coleman was appointed constable of Midway in 1892 by the Governor of the Territory of Utah, Arthur L. Thomas. He was made a trustee of the Midway Town Board in 1897. In 1898 he was appointed road supervisor of the Midway roads. He was president of the Midway Water Works from 1900 to 1906. He was elected a member of the Wasatch County Commission in 1900, and served until 1907. He was elected a member of the Midway Town Board in 1907. He served on the Draft Board during World War I. He was appointed as an agent of the United States Public Service Bureau by the U.S. Secretary of Labor, W. B. Nelson, in 1918; and was appointed a delegate to the Mountain Congress for a League of Nations by Governor Simon Bamberger in 1919. He was crop and pests inspector of Wasatch County in 1919-1921. He was elected president of the Wasatch County Chamber of Commerce in 1930. He was appointed a member of the Utah State Defense Council in 1942, was a member of the Selective Service Board from 1942 to 1947. He was a director of the Heber Bank. He served as State Road Foreman in Wasatch County for twenty-six years.

He died May 13, 1952, in Midway, and was buried in the Midway Cemetery.

Emily Matilda Springer Coleman was born September 6, 1868, in Midway. She was the daughter of Nathan Chatmond Springer and Matilda Robey. She was married to Henry Threlkeld Coleman on December 31, 1889, in Midway, and the marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

Emily came into the world one bright autumn Sabbath morning, the first-born of her goodly parents. The beautiful early morning birth heralded the joy and brightness of this lovely person. She learned easily and quickly. She was talented and capable from her very early childhood. She was a born executive and leader. She could sing, play the organ and write well at an early age. She had exceptional dramatic ability. While still in the elementary school, she assisted Attewell Wootton, the teacher, with his reading groups. At fourteen years of age she was a teacher in the Sunday School, and continued from then on to work in the Church.

After the death of her father she was a great comfort and help to her mother and family. She and her husband lived close to the Robeys and Springers and proved a pillar of strength to them.

Mrs. Coleman is the mother of eleven children, ten of them still living—all prosperous, talented citizens. She is the author of many lovely poems and pageants. She directed scores of pageants, programs and plays. She sang in the choir and was a member of the Singing Mothers until her advanced years prevented participation. She will be ninety-one years old in September, 1959.

She taught in the Mutual Improvement Association in her youth. She was president of the primary in the Midway First Ward, president of the Midway First Ward Relief Society for thirteen years and counselor for five years. She was a member of the Wasatch Stake Sunday School Board, the Stake Mutual Improvement Association Board, the Stake Relief Society Board. She has been a teacher in the Sunday School and Relief Society, and was the genealogical leader of the Midway First Ward.

She was the Charter Captain of the Hawthorne Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, first vice-president to county

president Jane Turner of the DUP, first vice-president to county president Emma Wherritt of the DUP, county chaplain of the DUP.

She was chairman of the Red Cross in Midway, and co-chairman of the Liberty Bond Drive. She was a member of the Midway Dramatic Club, correspondent for the Wasatch Wave for forty years. She has spoken at many funerals, and presented innumerable programs. She was the Wasatch County Mother of the Year in 1955. She has traveled extensively.

The home of Henry and Emily Coleman has always been a gathering place, abounding in friendliness, cheer and hospitality.

Mrs. Coleman died at her home on March 15, 1961, and was buried in the Midway Cemetery.

At the time of her death, an editorial in the Wasatch Wave of April 6, 1961, entitled "A Grand Old Lady—Emily Coleman," said the following:

"The grand old lady of Wasatch County passed away last month, leaving a vacancy in the hearts of an entire community.

"Mrs. Emily Coleman, known affectionately as "Grandma" to hundreds of younger friends, left at her death a heritage of ten children, 26 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren spread across the world from Midway to Australia.

"In addition, her friends numbered in the thousands; Midway First Ward Chapel, scene of her funeral, overflowed with the crowd present to pay their final respects, and notes of sympathy continue to pour in from far and wide.

"A correspondent for the Wasatch Wave for 40 years, Grandma Coleman served her church and community faithfully in many capacities.

"Grandma Coleman had been around for 92 years, so her passing came as no shock to family and friends. But those 92 years had been so filled with doing and giving and loving that she had become a permanent part of Wasatch County; her handsome, hospitable Midway home a haven for relatives and neighbors who found her perennial youth, her warmth and sparkle irresistible.

"Just as the gay patchwork cushion covers she worked at cheer the homes of her many friends here, so will the memory of Grandma Coleman cheer for years to come all whose lives she touched with hers."

Children of Henry Threlkeld Coleman and Emily Matilda Springer:

Henry Springer, married Viva Christine Orrock;

Guy Ellsworth, married Teresa Aplanalp;

Mrs. Francis C. (Lethe Belle) Tatge;

Mrs. C. Elmer (Merle Vivienne) Madsen;

Glen Robey, died in infancy;

Nathan Chatmond, married Cleo Stubbs, who died, and Esther Johnson;

Keith Threlkeld, married Hazel Mae Blood;

Dale Franklin, married Nancy Helen Doolin;

Mrs. Laurence Winfield (Rhea Lillian) Guild;

Mrs. Reed A. (Ruth May) Phillips;

Mrs. George Frank (Jessie Chloe) Madsen.

HUGH CLOTWORTHY COLEMAN AND ELIZABETH ALDER COLEMAN AND ELISE ROSE (ALICE) KOHLER COLEMAN



Hugh Clotworthy Coleman, born December 3, 1870, Midway, son of William and Mary Clotworthy Coleman. Married Elizabeth Alder October 21, 1891. Married Elise Rose (Alice) Kohler June 2, 1904. Died March 27, 1953, Midway.

Elizabeth Alder Coleman, born February 18, 1871, Midway, daughter of Elijah and Mary Jane Alder. Married Hugh Clotworthy Coleman, October 21, 1891. Died 1896, in Midway.

Elise Rose (Alice) Kohler Coleman, born July 21, 1881, Scherli, Bern, Switzerland. Daughter of Gottlieb and Elizabeth Kohler. Married Hugh Clotworthy Coleman June 22, 1904, Salt Lake Temple. Died April 14, 1953, Midway.

Hugh's early education was received at

the Midway school. Later he attended Wasatch Stake Academy in Heber. He spent his early life helping his father on the farm, and often accompanied him to Park City or Salt Lake City to sell grain, hay or shingles.

His first wife bore him three children before her death. He and his second wife became the parents of four daughters and two sons, all of whom were active in the Church and married in the Temple.

To Hugh Clotworthy Coleman, who lived his entire life on the same piece of ground, Midway was a choice part of the earth. All his life he entered into every development of the town with whole-hearted interest and with generous contributions both to town and church. He enjoyed sports and especially baseball. Frequently during the haying season, when he had hired men helping him, he would stop work, load all the men in a wagon and go to the baseball game. After the game they would return to the field to continue their work. He was a successful farmer and sheepman. He was a good citizen, he was honest, he was just. He exemplified all the sturdy qualities of character the ages have proved stable. His favorite maxim was, "if you can't say something good about a man—don't speak." He believed in education and the fine things of life. He encouraged his children to go to school and develop their talents, and made available to them every opportunity they would accept. Four of his children completed missions for the LDS Church, five attended college, and three graduated from college. One son served his country in World War II.

Elise Rose (Alice) Kohler was born in Scherli, Bern, Switzerland. She was five years old when she came to Midway with her parents, who were converts to the LDS Church. Early she learned the sturdy virtues of life, and had unending faith in God. She was a kind, understanding, talented wife and mother. She was active her entire life both in civic and religious affairs in Midway and Wasatch County. She was a faithful and consistent worker in the church, true to her convictions and fearless in her defense of the truth. Records show she held responsible positions in the auxiliary organizations of the church continuously from 1902 until her death in 1953. She was a class leader in the Relief Society continuously for 32 years, acting as theology, literary and social service instructor. She was president of the

YWMA for nine years. She also acted as MIA counselor, and counselor and teacher in the Primary organization and teacher in the Sunday School for many years. She was a member of the Midway choir for 20 years. She was a member of the Midway Town Amusement Board. She lived a life of devotion to her family and to her church, and was an influence for good in the lives of all who were associated with her. Her home was a haven for young people and many times after a sleighing party or a winter dance, she served a hot oyster supper to her children and their friends. She had a love for the beautiful. She bought only fine china cups and saucers to use in her home, saying, "if children are taught early that the cups are beautiful and fragile, they will learn to love beautiful things and to care for them well." She spent hundreds of hours doing fine handiwork, crocheting, knitting, needlepoint and embroidery. This she gave to her family and friends. She had a love for flowers, and also a natural touch that made them grow and flourish. Many hours daily she toiled to beautify her home and yard that others too might enjoy them, which they did.

Hugh and Alice Coleman gave to their children a good name, strong physical bodies, clear healthy intellects, the desire and ability to work and achieve, and a desire to obtain a testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel.

To the end they were surrounded by their family who loved and respected them.

Children of Hugh Clotworthy Coleman and Elizabeth Alder Coleman:

Mary Jane, died in infancy

William Vernell, died in France in 1918, while serving with the United States Army in World War I.

Ruby Elizabeth, died in infancy

Children of Hugh Clotworthy Coleman and Elise Rose (Alice) Kohler Coleman:

Mrs. Valoris (Erma) Provost

Mrs. Clell (Jeanne) Jackson

Mrs. Clifford (Edna) Peterson

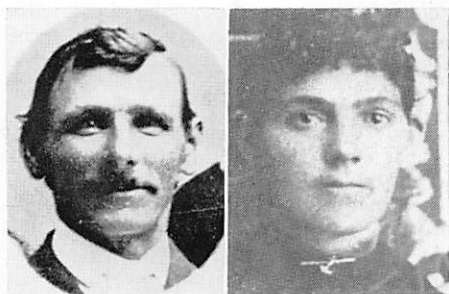
Mrs. Henry (Phyllis) Scheuller

Hugh Kohler, married Ruth Murdock

Hal Leroy, married Alice Maltby.

LOUIS COLEMAN AND RACHAEL ELLIS O'NEIL COLEMAN

Louis Coleman was born July 4, 1847, at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England.



Son of George and Elizabeth Bailey Coleman.

Married Rachael Ellis O'Neil March 20, 1876.

Died September 28, 1935.

Rachael Ellis O'Neil was born September 23, 1857, Darby Ays, Scotland.

Daughter of John O'Neil and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil.

Died May 28, 1908.

Louis Coleman, the fifth son of his parents, and his brother, William, sailed together from Liverpool, England, on April 22, 1862, bound for America. They sailed on the ship "John J. Boyd" with Captain Thomas in command. After six weeks and two days on the ocean, they landed at Castle Garden, New York, on June 4, 1862. From New York they took a boat for Albany, New York. It took them ten days to make the trip. From Albany they went to Florence, Nebraska, where they waited for a team of oxen to help them get to Utah. They left Florence in July, 1862, in an independent company with James Wareham as captain. William drove the team of oxen belonging to an elderly couple who made the journey. Louis walked the entire distance. It took them two months to reach Utah.

The Civil War was on, and as they passed through the different states they saw hundreds of soldiers guarding the bridges and passes. They reached Echo Canyon, Utah, in October, where they were met by their brother Henry Coleman, who had been in Utah since 1856.

Louis married Rachael O'Neil who had come to Utah in 1864 with her parents from Scotland. They settled in Midway where they reared a family of 10 children.

They were known as honest, dependable, kindly, God-fearing people, honored and respected by the entire community.

Their children included:

Louis Coleman, Jr., married Louise Johnson;

Agnes H., married John Coffey, later John Sullivan;

John H., married Olive Allred;

George A., married Isabella Winterton;

Elizabeth B., married Elmer Lee, later Robert Johnson;

Mary Jane, married Arthur R. Jolley;

Helen, married David Rodney Hicken;

Violet Rachael, married Clarence E. Smith;

Vinnie Grace, married Ivan M. Cody;

Susan, died at birth.

GEORGE A. AND LUCY SMITH WHITTAKER DAVIS

George A. Davis, son of Albert Wesley Davis and Melissa Jane Lambson, born July 7, 1877, in Salt Lake City. Died November 28, 1939.

Lucy Smith Whittaker, daughter of David Moroni Whittaker and Mary Ann Smith, born January 5, 1885, in Salt Lake City. Died February 6, 1927.

Their early youth was spent in Salt Lake City. They attended schools there. He also attended the LDS College.

Having worked in the Church, on March 15, 1899 George was ordained an Elder, in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Joseph F. Smith, and on December 10, 1899, he left for a mission to the Hawaiian Islands. While out on this work, the City of Honolulu was quarantined for Bubonic Plague, and he was called to go on guard line to guard the city to see that no one left. He was appointed a special police officer for three months and ten days until the close of the quarantine. From this work he was called back to mission headquarters, and given other duties. He was appointed over-seer of the Laie Plantation from April 15, 1901, to April 6, 1903, when he was released and appointed to preside over the Hilo, Hamakua, and Kohala conferences until August 14, 1903. He was released from his mission and returned home September 11, 1903.

On January 27, 1904, he was called to the Stake Mission for the Salt Lake Stake, and was set apart to this work by Joseph E. Taylor.

Upon arriving home from his mission he worked on the farm owned by his father. He started going with Lucy Smith Whittaker

and they were married February 4, 1904, in the Salt Lake Temple. He continued in the farming, and they were both active in Church work.

The Davis family moved to Midway, May 6, 1916, purchasing the Maria Schoney Mitchell home in Stringtown where they lived until the death of their oldest son, George, in 1924. At that time they returned to Salt Lake.

George was active in civic and church affairs. He had a fine herd of Jersey dairy cows, and sold milk and cream to the Mutual Creamery Company. He was a director and president of the Citizen's Mercantile Co., a member of the Midway Town Board, a member of the Amusement Board of Midway and a member of the Genealogical Society of Midway.

In Church affairs he was a teacher and chorister of the Midway Second Ward and then served as second counselor to Bishop Jacob Probst in the Second Ward. He was also a leader in the High Priests group and the parent teacher in the Sunday School. He sang and preached at many funerals.

Mrs. Davis worked in the Primary, the Relief Society and the MIA of the Second Ward, and was known as a gentle, patient, sympathetic woman. Though she was partially blind she never complained, and always had a cheerful smile for everyone. She was particularly noted for her flower gardens.

Children of George and Lucy Davis included:

David Moroni, married Coralyn Adamson and had three daughters;

Willard Wendell, married Allanson B. McKean and had three sons.

Lucile Davis, married to Charles Frank Parker, two children;

Albert Fielding Davis, married Fay Hepworth, had one child;

Nina Mary Davis, married to Ray Fred Kohler, had two children.

MORMON WILLIAM DAVIS AND LOUISA WALTERS DAVIS

Mormon William Davis was born July 26, 1851, Bedwelty, Monmouthshire County, Wales, England. Son of Gad Davis and Elizabeth Williams. Married Louisa Walters October 16, 1876 in old Endowment House, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Died June 10, 1890, Midway.

Louisa Walters Davis was born April 16, 1855, Risca, Monmouthshire County, Wales, England. Daughter of James Francis Walters and Susannah Cooper. Died May 25, 1929.

Mormon Davis immigrated to the United States with his parents on the ship Samuel Culing. Gad and Elizabeth with their family were towed to quarantine May 23, 1856. On the 26th of May they began their journey to Iowa. Mormon was one of 18 children. There were three sets of twins. His mother died giving birth to her 18th child.

Louisa Walters came to America with her parents on the ship Emerald Isle in 1863, with her mother and two brothers.

Children of Mormon William Davis and Louisa Walters Davis:

Mrs. Roy (Susan) Alexander

Walter, married Cora Giles

Mrs. Bert (Annie) Stanley

Mrs. Elmer (Mae) Epperson

Elmer, married Mannie Bruno

Ace, married Naomi Lister

Leslie, married Ethel Ellison

James Francis, died in infancy.

FREDERICK DURTSCHI, JR.

Frederick Durtschi, Jr., was born February 20, 1874, the oldest son of Frederick and Elizabeth Von Kenel, in Faulensee, by Spieg, Bern, Switzerland. He completed his military service in the first aid and medical corps division. He was particularly adapted to caring for the sick.

He married his first love, Rosa Bhend. It was an ideal marriage, but she soon fell ill with consumption and passed away.

He married Katherine Lugenbuhl May 13, 1901 in Faulensee. Their first child, Alice, was born Aug. 17, 1902. On June 3, 1903, he and his wife were baptized in the lake they loved so well, and were confirmed members of the LDS Church the same day by Alma A. Burgener. Soon they sold their home and belongings, and with their little daughter, left their beloved Alps and came to America. With him, were his father and five brothers John, Adolf, Alfred, Hulderick, and William. He and his wife and baby settled in Midway September 19, 1904.

They became the parents of two boys and two girls, Alma Frederick, Freda Helen, Ruth and Ernest Walter. When Ernest Walter was but one and one-half years old, his mother fell from a load of hay while she

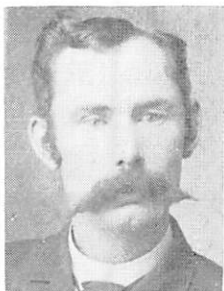
was helping with the harvest. Her back was broken and following a two week's illness she passed away September 19, 1911. The father kept his home and family together, acting as both father and mother to them. On February 17, 1914 he became a citizen of this wonderful country of his adoption.

On April 8, 1915 he married his third wife, Lydia Schmidlen. Two girls were born to this marriage,—Lucy Emmaline and Martha Elizabeth.

He lived a good life, he taught his children the dignity of work, and the value of a job well done. As his children left home for other pursuits he turned much of his yard into flowers. His bouquets graced the pulpit of the ward house, and few persons ever came to visit without carrying away the bounties of the earth, whether vegetables, flowers, or other goodies.

In September, 1945, he suffered a heart attack, and passed away January 19, 1946.

MICHAEL ADAM EMPEY



Michael Adam Empey, son of Levi and Margaret Wood Empey. Born November 3, 1855, Salt Lake City. Never married. Died May 6, 1902 in Midway.

Mr. Empey was baptized into the LDS Church July 3, 1870, by Elder John Huber. He was ordained an Elder October 3, 1880. He went on a mission to the Southern States in the Spring of 1881. He was president of the Midway Quorum of Elders, and was active in Sunday School and the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn., serving as YMMIA superintendent for several years. He was interested in mining business and was an associate in the Southern Tier Group with Henry T. Coleman and John Morton. He was considered a noble man who gave his strength and talents in the service of others. He was taking care of his aged parents at the time of his death.

CHARLES ALONZO AND ELIZABETH COLEMAN EPPERSON



Charles Alonzo Epperson, son of Sidney H. and Mary Jane Robey Epperson. Born March 15, 1856, Provo, Utah. Married Elizabeth Bailey Coleman October 8, 1881. Died March 17, 1927, Midway.

Elizabeth Bailey, daughter of Henry and Mary Jane Threlkeld Coleman. Born December 9, 1861, Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah. Died January 12, 1943, in Salt Lake City.

Both buried in Midway.

Charles Alonzo Epperson was born in Provo, and later moved with his family to Midway. He was a boy during the Black Hawk War. He herded cows, loved horses, and was an expert rider. He also loved sports, played the accordion and could "step dance."

On October 8, 1881, he was married to Elizabeth Bailey Coleman. They lived for a short time on the Epperson farm in what is called Stringtown and then moved to a home on their own farm on the Snake Creek in the southwest end of Midway proper.

"Aunt Libby" as she was lovingly called by relatives and friends was a thrifty and hard-working housewife and a loving and devoted mother. She was endowed with many talents. As an expert seamstress she made many different articles of clothing for people in Midway, Heber and Charleston. She painted on velvet, satin and on the old time "oil cloth splashers." She also did beautiful handiwork—crocheting, knitting and embroidering.

As a girl, Elizabeth lived with her parents in the upper settlement. She tells of walking down to Sunday School in her bare feet to save her shoes, putting them on at the edge of town. She picked hops and took them

Wards where she also worked in the Relief Society for twenty years. When the family moved to Silver City in May 1919 she was again active in church and civic affairs. She was called as counselor in the YWMA and also taught Sunday School and religion classes. In Salt Lake Lydia was called to YWMA and Relief Society work in the Fourteenth Ward and later in the Hawthorne and Marlborough Wards. She was a visiting teacher until ill health forced her to give up all of her activities and confined her to her home.

Children of Simon and Lydia Epperson included:

Jennie Agness, married Alvah A. Ross;

Vida Lydia, died in youth;

Simon Doyle, married Margaret Ellen Murdock;

Edith Rosedale, died in youth;

Juanita, died in infancy;

Erma Lavella, married Joel D. Hickman;

Frank Ross, married Cora H. Farmer;

Lillian Estelle;

Victor Robey, married Nellie Hachmeister.

WILLIAM HENRY AND CATHARINE BUNNELL EPPERSON



William Henry Epperson was born December 17, 1868, in Midway, and died July 4, 1933 in Midway. He was the son of Sidney Epperson and Mary Jane Robey. He was married December 2, 1891, to Catharine Bunnell. She was born October 1, 1872, in Midway and died September 6, 1934, in Midway. She was the daughter of George Henry Bunnell and Margaret Sulser. There were no children.

Catharine or Kate as she was known, spent her life in service to others, particularly those in need. She was skilled in the home arts, particularly knitting, embroidering,

crocheting, tatting and quilting. She and her sister Eve Van Wagoner worked many years before there were professional morticians in covering, padding and lining caskets made by Moroni Blood. She would sew burial clothing and assist in preparing the dead for burial.

CAROLINA HOLL FORRER (HAGEN)



Carolina Holl Forrer (Hagen) was born in Salt Lake City in 1849, a daughter of Catherine and Mr. Holl. Her father died in Salt Lake, and Carolina came to Midway in 1859 or 1860 with her mother and step-father, Catherine and John Buehler. They homesteaded on a hot pot farm in the Mound City area.

In 1865 Carolina married Fredrick Forrer Jr., an immigrant from Switzerland. Two children were born to them, Mary Carolina, born February 26, 1866, at Richfield, and John Fredrick Forrer, born March 19, 1867, at Camp Floyd.

During a skirmish in the Black Hills Fredrick Forrer was called to military duty, leaving his wife and family alone in Midway. Carolina left her two children with her parents, the John Buehlers, and went to work for John Vance at Kimball's Ranch in Park City to help support the family.

Carolina heard from her husband regularly while he was in the Army, but then the letters stopped coming. She finally received the news that he had been killed either in July or August, 1868, by an outlaw.

After being widowed Carolina was married to John Hagen. They had one child, Margaret. John and Carolina and their family moved to California in 1883. Margaret died there November 17, 1885.

John Fredrick Forrer, who was 16 at the time his mother moved to California, re-

mained in Midway to care for his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Buehler.

Mary Carolina Forrer was married to John Donlan June 24, 1886, at Ventura, California, and they had 12 children: Peter A., William C., John Jr., Lawrence, Mrs. Clara Chapman, Mrs. Nellie Muldoon, Mrs. John Cronin, Mrs. Catherine Muldoon, Mrs. Mary Carolina Flynn, Mrs. Ida Irrington, Mrs. Margaret Solomon, and Nazarene Donlan.

Carolina Forrer Hagen died February 1, 1917 at Las Cruces, New Mexico, and was buried there. Her daughter, Mary Carolina Forrer Donlan died August 20, 1952, at Ventura, California.

JOHN FREDRICK AND ROSETTA MITCHELL FORRER



John Fredrick Forrer, Jr., son of Fredrick Forrer, Sr., and Carolina Holl.

Born March 19, 1867, Camp Floyd, Utah.

Married Rosetta Mitchell November 16, 1891, in Heber.

Died December 4, 1930, Midway.

Rosetta Mitchell Forrer, daughter of Samuel Mitchell and Elizabeth Tonnar. Born July 25, 1870, in Switzerland. Died November 5, 1955, in Midway.

John Fredrick was a successful farmer and livestock raiser. He was known as a hard worker and earned his living by the sweat of his brow throughout his life.

John and Rosetta were parents of five children: John Fredrick, Jr., Henry H., Karl W., Mrs. Hiltrude Krebs and Mrs. Avilda Hill.

Both John and Rosetta are buried in the Midway Cemetery.

JOSEPH WILLIAM FRANCOM

Bishop of Midway First Ward 1903-1906.

Joseph William Francom was born Octo-



ber 7, 1869, at Payson, Utah. His parents were Joseph Francom and Martha Heaton. He was the second of eleven children. When he was six years old, his parents moved to Levan, Juab County.

He was baptized when ten years old by Eric Peterson and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Ely Curtis. He was ordained a deacon at fourteen years of age by Bishop Aagard. When twenty years old, he was ordained an Elder by B. H. Roberts. In 1899 he was ordained a High Priest and set apart as a High Councilman by Francis R. Lyman.

July 23, 1891 his father died and he was left with the full responsibility of the care of his widowed mother and family.

February 6, 1895 Joseph W. Francom married Ann Cole from Nephi in the Manti Temple and lived in Levan. Their first child was born August 9, 1896. When she was ten weeks old he left for a mission to the Northern States October 26, 1896, laboring in Southern Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri. He was released 26 months later and returned to Levan. Later two other children were born while residing there, and in March, 1902 the family moved to Midway. The following spring, February, 1903, he was ordained bishop of the Midway First Ward by Apostle Mathias Cowley. One child was born in Midway. Then because of the ill health of his wife, he moved to Elwood, Box Elder County. Five more children blessed their home at Elwood.

In 1908 the Bear River Stake was organized, and Joseph W. Francom was set apart as a High Councilman and served in that capacity for 22 years. He was a member of the Bear River Stake Sunday School Board for 19 years. He helped out in the ward in any capacity needed as mutual teacher, Sunday School teacher, and other callings in the priesthood. He taught

beautiful Swiss cow bells when they came to Midway. Conrad put them on his cows in the summer time. The music of the bells delighted hundreds of townspeople and tourists.

Conrad's love of the mountains never left him. He climbed Mount Timpanogos 12 times and received a "Timp Stick" several times for being the oldest man to make the climb. At this writing Conrad still yodels, still works hard on his farm and is still milking his cows. He is an active Church worker and enjoys his family and many grandchildren. He is an affable, friendly man respected by his community.

Elsie Durtschi Gertsch lived with her father and brothers in lower Midway. After she and Conrad were married they lived on the Tate farm. Elsie's mother died shortly before the family sailed for America. Elsie was used to hard work and sorrow, more was added when her first little baby died. Shortly after they moved up town and bought the John Morton home. Here their other 10 children were born. Elsie worked very hard. She did all of her own washing by hand. The water was carried from an outside hydrant and heated on a coal stove. One day while washing, the bottom fell out of the old hand washer. What a luxury it was considered when her husband bought an electric washer, something new on the market.

Elsie was a gracious, lovely woman.

After Elsie's death and the children were all raised, Conrad and his daughter, Lucy, went to Europe by airplane to visit Mr. Gertsch's native land. They had a wonderful trip, but Mr. Gertsch was thankful to get back to Midway where he counts the blessings of the choice land of America.

After a number of years, Conrad married Caroline Durtschi Feutz whose family Conrad and Alma Burgener had helped to convert to the LDS Church in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Durtschi, parents of Caroline, brought their family to Midway. Caroline then moved to Wyoming with her husband, Gottfried Feutz and there eight children were born to them. Their first two were born in Switzerland.

Caroline has worked hard most of her life. She bore her children without the help of a doctor or trained nurse. She is a capable, self-reliant person, modest and humble. She loves flowers and her hobby has been her beautiful flower gardens.

Mr. Gertsch went on two missions for the Church. One to Switzerland and one to the Northern States. Lucy and Lena both served on missions to the Northern States. Ray went to the Swiss and German Mission. Lena and her husband Ernel Morton served a six-year mission in Tonga heading the Liahona College there.

Children of Conrad Gertsch and Elsie Durtschi Gertsch:

Robert, died;
Jeremiah, married Blodwen Thompson;
Mrs. J. Richard (Lucy) Thomson;
Mrs. Ernel (Lena) Morton;
Nellie, died;
Ray, married Malda Murri;
Joseph, married Leora Morton;
Mary, died;
Reed, married Maxine Lewis;
Mrs. Ross (Helen) Berg;
Leo Gertsch.

Children of Gottfried Feutz and Caroline Durtschi Feutz Gertsch:

Mrs. Harold (Caroline) Sheard;
Emma;
Emil, married Elaine Beckstead;
Walter, married Bety Howard;
Albert, married Margaret Chamber;
Mrs. Don F. (Ann D.) Titus;
Mrs. J. J. (Gertrude) Haas;
Mrs. James (Martha) Macy;
Edward J., married Margareta Smith;
Mrs. Lee (Hilda) Johnson.

LEO JOSEPH HAEFELI

Leo Haefeli was a prominent citizen of Midway in its early history. He was a cultured and well educated man. He taught school in Midway. He came from Ogden where he was associated with the Ogden Standard. He was a journalist of note.

He married Emily Zelleweger. To them were born four children:

Mrs. Emily King;
Leo;
Mrs. Mary Jane Peterson;
Mrs. Maud Woodhead.

After Mrs. Haefeli's father, Mr. Zelleweger died, her mother married Ulrich Rohner. To them was born a son, Alfred who married and settled in Arizona. The Rohner's lived in Midway for many years.

After the death of Leo Haefeli, his wife married Yens Jensen and they had a son John. After Mr. Jensen died she married Richard Harden and they had a son Arthur.

BENJAMIN AND ANN ELIZA VAN WAGONER HAIR



Benjamin Hair, son of Samuel Hair and Hannah Mulholland Hair. Born June 16, 1873, in Ayrshire, Parish of Galston, Scotland.

Married Ann Eliza Van Wagoner, November 10, 1897, in Salt Lake Temple. Died August 15, 1945, Provo.

Ann Eliza Van Wagoner, daughter of John Van Wagoner and Margaret Ann Fausett. Born February 24, 1877, Midway. Died March 14, 1919, Provo.

Benjamin Hair was the eighth child of his parents. He sailed for the USA with his father, mother, six living brothers and two sisters, landed in 1878, coming to Utah for the sake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They settled in Midway, in June 1878.

About 1901 he and others went to Brighton Lake to do prospect work for Jesse Knight and Robert Brighton. Later he worked in the "Valao Mine." He farmed his own land and was Water Master for the Midway Irrigation Company and served as Trustee for the Midway Town Board. He was Secretary of the Elders Quorum and of the Young Men's MIA and Assistant in the Superintendency of the Sunday School for about eight years.

Ann Eliza was an ardent church worker, serving as Sunday School Secretary, Young Women's MIA Secretary, Primary Aid and Chorister, and Genealogical teacher and Relief Society in 1914 while Emily Coleman was President. She often earned the money to help this great work move along and pay expenses while in Salt Lake to the Temple, through taking photographs, painting photos, trimming wedding cakes, dressmaking and millinery.

There were eight children born to these faithful parents, Delamar B., who married Zelma Dagmar Johnson; Hannah Margaret, married Lester Hanson; Eliza Donetta, married Neils Foster Anthon; Mary Gladys (Mamie), married Elmo Reed Blackett; Flora Priscilla, who died at the age of two and one-half years; William Warburton, married Jessie Marie Schaub; Rulon Dean, married Mildred Egbert; Luella Bell, married Andrew Whyte.

The family moved to Provo October 14, 1916, where they were all active in Church work.

Sister Hair contracted influenza during the "Flu" epidemic and died March 14, 1919.

Benjamin Hair worked as Superintendent of the farm at Utah State Hospital for many years. He filled a Stake Mission and was a High Priest.

SAMUEL HAIR JR. AND MARY JANE SHELTON HAIR

Son of Samuel Hair and Hannah Mulholland Hair.

Born December 8, 1864, Dalry, Scotland.

Married Mary Jane Shelton December 19, 1889, Midway. Later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

Died October 5, 1853, Midway.

Mary Jane Shelton, daughter of John Shelton and Mary Morton.

Born June 26, 1869, Midway.

Died February 10, 1944, Midway.

Children of Samuel Hair, Jr., and Mary Jane Shelton:

Monroe, married Adele Murri;

Bernell, married Rhoda Cummings;

Janet, died in youth.

At an early age, Samuel Hair, Jr., went to work in the coal mines, or colleries, as they were called, to help support the very large family of his parents.

They were contacted by missionaries and accepted the gospel. Then about the year 1878, they left their home, friends, and relatives to come to Utah. Their crossing was very uncomfortable, since they had the humblest of accommodations, and with nine children all suffering from sea-sickness, it was very hard. They arrived in Ogden after several months of travel, and would have stayed there, except for the urging of one of the missionaries, an Elder Wilson, who recommended that they come to Midway.

Samuel and two older brothers Tom and

John, again went to work to help support the family. He tried his hand at a number of jobs. He worked in the Coalville mines, and he and his brother John, cut and hauled cordwood out of Vallejo canyon. All of their earnings were handed over to their mother, who would sometimes give them a small part of it back. However, more often than not she had used all of it for the needs of the family. Three other children were born after they arrived in Utah, making the family number twelve children.

Samuel was always interested in mining and spent much of his early married life in the hills, prospecting. They had some cows up there and sold milk to the boarding houses. He located a number of mining claims for himself and in company with others.

They bought a place in Midway and built a two-room rock house with a lean-to-kitchen. The rock part still stands as the front rooms of the old home. He also bought a small farm and divided his time between working the farm and working his claims. Mrs. Hair stayed in town most of the time then to take care of the cows.

Samuel was very active in civic affairs and spent about 16 years on the town board, first as a councilman then as mayor, for several terms. It was always a source of great pride to him to note, that when he finished his last term as mayor he had cleared up all the town's indebtedness.

It was while he was mayor that he suffered the accident that cost him his hearing. While working on the old gravel pit near Luke's Hot Pots, he was caved on. A vertebrae in his neck was dislocated; but was not discovered until it was too late to have anything done. The main hearing nerve was pinched and as the years went by it was gradually severed, until his hearing was entirely gone.

Samuel and Mary Jane loved to dance and took every opportunity to do so. They also participated actively in the other social events of the town.

On February 10, 1946, two months after their 55th wedding anniversary, a sudden heart attack took the life of Mary Jane.

In the fall of 1946 Samuel contracted pneumonia and was taken to the home of a daughter-in-law. She nursed him through three illnesses, each one having threatened to take his life. However, his unusual physical stamina enabled him to throw them off. At

nearly 89 years of age he could outwalk many younger than himself and daily walked to town. With his eyesight fast failing he lived in a silent, twilight world with his memories and his imagination as his only companions.

The first of October, 1953, he suddenly weakened. He didn't seem ill, just too tired to attempt to get out of bed; and early on the morning of October 5th he quietly slipped away.

He was buried October 8th in the Midway cemetery.

Mary Jane Shelton Hair was the oldest daughter of John Shelton and Mary Morton. Her early childhood was spent in and around Wasatch County.

In 1876 the family moved to Alexander Canyon near Wanship where her father had a contract to cut timber. There on February 10, 1880, her mother died. The children were alone with her at the time, and she told Mary Jane to take them into the next room and take care of them. It was a very unhappy experience for small Mary Jane who was just past ten, John, seven; Margaret, five; and Steven, three.

The children were cared for by their grandmother Margaret C. Morton for a while then by their grandmother Abigail H. Shelton.

Mary Jane didn't have much chance to go to school. She finished the third grade before she started to work. She worked for various families in the town.

Although of a very retiring nature, she was full of fun, and a good dancer. She always had lots of friends and took an active part in community affairs. She taught Primary, was a member of the Relief Society, and the Daughters of the Pioneers.

After she married Samuel Hair Jr., their first home was a log cabin, which later became a granary; but was always known as "The Old House."

Samuel was interested in mining, and for many years, they spent their time in the hills.

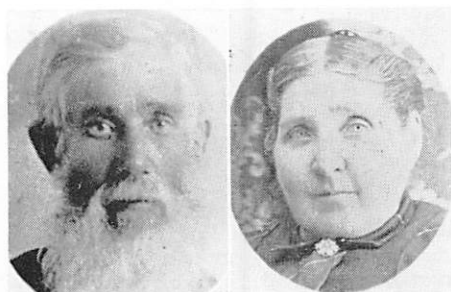
Mrs. Hair used to drive the horse and buggy up to the mine to take supplies to Samuel and many times she rode horseback.

The hard work of her early life began to tell on her. She was ill with arthritis and rheumatism in her hands and arms, and also developed a heart condition.

She was still active and hardly missed a day going to town. On February 10, 1944,

she crossed the street to the mailbox and brought in the morning paper. She complained of being tired and lay down to rest. Samuel sat beside her and was reading her the news. When next he looked at her she had passed away. She was buried in the Midway Cemetery.

SAMUEL AND HANNAH MULHOLLAND HAIR



Samuel Hair, son of Thomas Hair and Rachel Ellis Hair, was born February 17, 1838, Parish New Daley, Scotland. Married Hannah Mulholland. Died November 19, 1911, Midway.

Hannah Mulholland, daughter of John Mulholland and Jannet Kennedy, was born August 17, 1839, parish of Campey, Scotland. Died January 15, 1926, Park City.

Samuel and Hannah Mulholland Hair were converted to the LDS Church by missionaries in Scotland. They came to America and landed in New York, May 15, 1879. After seeing New York a couple of days and not knowing much of what people said, they took a train West. They arrived in Salt Lake, where they were advised to go to Heber, Wasatch County, and help settle that country. They settled in Midway.

They made their home in Midway and farmed the land. Their home was built of white square rock, which was the common building material they had at that time. Two rooms were built and additions were made later.

They had 13 children, one of whom died shortly after birth.

Samuel and Hannah Hair were thrifty people. They were kind and hospitable and always interested in young people. They were solid citizens and loyal friends.

Children of Samuel and Hannah Mulholland Hair:

Child died at birth;
Thomas, married Eliza Fausett;
John, married Elizabeth Holfeltz;
Samuel, married Mary Jane Shelton;
Mrs. John (Isabella) Holfeltz;
Joseph, married Melissa Blood;
James, married Margaret Shelton;
Benjamin, married Eliza Van Wagoner;
Robert, married Eda Wardle;
Mrs. Charles (Rachael) Mair;
William, died in infancy;
Mrs. Robert (Janet) Barben;
George Alexander, never married.

THOMAS HAIR AND ABIGAIL ELIZA FAUSETT HAIR



Thomas Hair, son of Samuel and Hannah Hair, was born February 6, 1861, at Dalry, Ayrshire, Scotland.

He came to America with his parents. They reached New York May 15, 1879. Shortly afterward they left for Utah. Upon reaching Salt Lake City, Wilford Woodruff advised them to settle in Wasatch County. They moved to Midway.

Thomas was thrown from a coach and injured his hip when he was a young lad in Scotland. An operation was performed on the injured hip after reaching Utah; however, Thomas had to use a cane for the rest of his life.

He married Abigail Eliza Fausett, daughter of John McKey Fausett and Mary Ann Shelton Fausett, who was born May 22, 1887. As a young girl Eliza and her brothers and sisters helped to make a living by delivering eggs, buttermilk, milk and butter to Park City.

After their marriage, Thomas and Eliza traveled with horse and buggy about the country selling various products. Later Mr. Hair established a confectionary store and barber shop in Midway. In this barber

shop all of the customers had their own shaving mugs with their names written in gold lettering. Mr. Hair was a close associate of Bishop Henry T. Coleman and George Bonner, Sr. He loved music and poetry. He could play several different instruments. He and Henry Van Wagoner often entertained at the barber shop with the mandolin, banjo, and guitar, and the crowd which gathered joined in with favorite songs and ballads. Mr. Hair was a devout Latter-day Saint. He was superintendent of the Midway First Ward Sunday School for several years.

Mrs. Hair was noted for her beautiful flowers and splendid gardens. She was a true and devoted friend and was kind and charitable.

Thomas and Eliza had eight children:
Holland, who married Dora McDonald;
William, who married Doris Lewis;
Hannah Bell, who married Ellis Steele;
Polly, who married John Celle;
Lillian, who married Irvin Adams;
LaVerda, who married Clinton Swain;
Vera, who married Murrell Burningham;
Ruby, who died in infancy.

Thomas Hair died in July, 1912, in Midway. Eliza Hair died in 1944 in Midway.

LEVI WARD HANCOCK AND HELEN ROBINSON O'NEIL HANCOCK

Levi Ward Hancock, son of Levi Hancock, Sr., was born October 22, 1855, in Payson, Utah. He married Helen Robinson O'Neil. Died February 25, 1914.

Helen Robinson O'Neil, daughter of John O'Neil and Agnes Cockran Hair O'Neil, was born December 22, 1866, in Midway. Married Levi Ward Hancock. After his death she married Charles Whistler, September 1914, in Midway. Died March 28, 1940, in Orem, Utah.

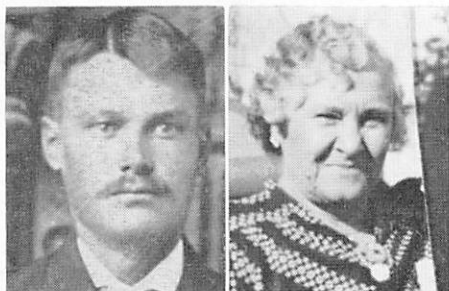
Mr. Hancock was a miner by trade. He mined in California before coming to Utah to live. He and Mrs. Hancock lived in a big well-built pot rock house which still stands in Midway. Mrs. Hancock was a gracious hostess and an excellent cook. They had a family of gifted children who contributed generously to the cultural life of the community.

Charles Whistler was a very capable miner of Utah. He died in 1936.

Children of Levi Ward Hancock and Helen O'Neil Hancock:

Mrs. John T. (Agnes) McCarthy;
Mrs. John Reese (Amy) Clayburn;
William, married Jeda Woods;
Joseph Lander, married Phyllis Lewis;
Cordelia, died in youth;
Frank Daley, married Thelma Blackley.

GOTTFRIED HANNEY AND ROSETTA ELIZABETH BIGLER HANNEY



Gottfried Hanney, son of Christian Hanney and Anna Barbara Hanney. Born in 1869, in Bern, Switzerland. Married Rosetta Elizabeth Bigler. Died February 1917, in Midway.

Rosetta Elizabeth Bigler, daughter of Jacob Arnold Bigler and Rosetta Krebs. Born November 25, 1877, Tuba City, Arizona. Married (1) Gottfried (Fred) Hanney, (2) Willard Cox.

Gottfried Hanney came to America with his parents as converts to the Mormon Church when he was three years old. A brother John and sister Elizabeth came, too. They came to Salt Lake in the Edward Schonfield Company reaching Salt Lake City, July 4, 1872.

Mr. Hanney was a farmer. Mrs. Hanney was a midwife for years.

Children of Fred and Elizabeth Hanney:

Ruth, died at birth;
Lydia Pearl, died at birth;
Glade, died at birth;
Karl, married Beatrice Grank;
Glen, married Leola Hudson;
Mrs. Theodore (Wilma) Heckert;
Mrs. Marshall (Jessie) Beck;
Mrs. Fred (Sylvia) Tomlinson.

Children of Willard Cox and Elizabeth Bigler Hanney:

Mrs. Charles (Goldie) Skells.

FREDERICK HASLER SR. AND MARGARETHA ABEGGLEN HASLER



Frederick Hasler, son of Johannes Hasler and Barbara Stoller Hasler.

Born August 5, 1827, Gsteigwyler, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

Married Margaretha Abegglen in Gsteigwyler. Died in 1903, Midway.

Margaretha Abegglen Hasler, daughter of Christian and Margaretha Abegglen, born August 27, 1827, at Iseltwald, Bern, Switzerland.

Died 1900 Midway.

Nestled at the feet of the beautiful Swiss Alps, is the little town of Gsteigwyler, Kt. Bern, Switzerland, a place noted for its beauty and tourist attractions. For generations this was the home of the Hasler family.

It was here that Frederick Hasler, Sr., was born. He was the eighth and youngest son of Johannes and Barbara Stoller Hasler. His only sister Margaretha died at an early age.

The Haslers were a very prominent family in this community. They were well educated and skilled tradesmen, a quality uncommon at this time.

Frederick was an accomplished stone mason, noted for making the Swiss sand stone ovens and for laying stone floors. He helped construct many large tourist hotels at Interlaken and also acted as a guide to people who came to climb the Alps. A brother served as mayor of the town, one was a school master, another owned a delicatessen store and one was a bodyguard of the King of Italy.

Frederick was a member of several glee clubs and belonged to a rifle club. It was at this club that he met Conrad Abegglen who introduced him to his attractive sister Margaretha.

The following year Frederick and Margaretha were married at an impressive church wedding at Gsteigwyler.

The family joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and left for America with Utah as their goal, arriving at Midway in June, 1873.

Frederick, Sr., gave up his trade as a stone mason, purchased some land and became a dairy farmer.

This family, along with others, moved each summer to the mountains north of Midway to the Bonanza Flats in the White Pines, where Frederick burned charcoal for the Ontario mine at Park City, while his wife and children took care of a herd of cows and made cheese and butter to help earn a living for the family.

The girls walked barefoot over the mountains and delivered the cheese and butter to the boarding house at the mine above Park City.

Frederick and Margaretha spent their remaining years in Midway pioneering the dairy industry in the valley.

Their children—Margaretha was an accomplished dressmaker, Elizabeth married Bernard Kennah and was the mother of Sylvia, Margaretha, William, Bernard, Emmet and Helen Hyde. Marie Ann married John Murri and they were the parents of John, Laurence, William, Herbert, Adell Hair, Ella Duke, Marie Ann Cluff, Leda Titus, Ruby and Gladys Murri. Louisa married William E. Hackett. Their children are Ida Battison and Sarah Porter. Rosalin married Felix Martin and was the mother of Norma Bollschweiler. Anna married Stephen Smith. After the death of Stephen Smith, Anna married Joseph Lunceford, parents of Leda Lunceford. Frederick Jr., married Emma Baumgartner, their children are Florence Buhler, F. Rodney Hasler, Emma Chard, Lucille Watkins, Lorraine Bagnell, Anna, Ruby and Henry Hasler.

Frederick Jr. followed his father's trade and became a dairy farmer, taking great pride in improving his dairy herd. He also took an active part in the community and church. He was the first president of the YMMIA in the Midway 2nd Ward, a position he held for ten years. He was a member of the school board, director of the irrigation company, chairman of the Amusement board, and served in the Bishopric of the Midway 2nd Ward.

FREDERICK HASLER, JR. AND EMMA BAUMGARTNER HASLER



Frederick Hasler, Jr., was born at Gsteigwyler Bern, Switzerland, November 16, 1872. He was the youngest child and only son of Frederick Hasler, Sr., and Margaretha Abegglen. He came to Midway with his parents in the early summer of 1873, as converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Frederick, Jr., made his home in Midway for over seventy years. He was very active in church and civic affairs. He



March 30, 1860, Bern, Switzerland. Married Anna Stoll, October 11, 1883, in Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Died September 23, 1931, Salt Lake City.

Anna Stoll, daughter of Ulrich Stoll and Barbara Hostettler. Born May 18, 1861, Koniz, Switzerland. Married Fredrick Haueter, Jr., died October 27, 1934, Salt Lake City.

Fredrick, Jr., was a stone cutter, mason and carpenter by trade. He worked hard and with the help of his parents was able to save enough money to immigrate to America. This was in the year 1878. He was 18 years of age.

He stayed with friends that had arrived at an earlier date in Midway. He worked at odd jobs, cutting cord wood, that was sold to Park City mines, burning lime for William Van Wagoner to help raise money for his parents and family to come to America.

His parents sold their property and with their three other children, Rudolf, Magdalena and Karl came to Utah and settled in Midway in 1878. They were accompanied by a sister, Margret Kuhni.

Fredrick, Jr.'s, girl friend, Anna Stoll and her sister Eliza came with the Haueter family as far as Salt Lake City. They lived in the same town as the Haueters.

Fred would walk over the mountains to court Anna and in a short time they were married in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City.

He worked and in between built his home and made all the furniture for the home.

He did some farming, had a yoke of oxen and wagon and did some freighting to Park City at that time.

He helped build churches, school houses in Midway, Heber City and Charleston, in addition to many homes with his art of masonry.

He was never idle, gave a helping hand to many people who were in need. He was

very faithful to his church with his help and contributions. He was called on a mission in 1894, and left his wife to care for seven children.

He was sent to Switzerland, his birth place, for two and one-half years.

Fred, the oldest boy, and Charles, helped their mother with the care of the livestock and gardens. A neighbor did the farming.

In 1905, he homesteaded 160 acres in the Uintah Basin, North of Myton, but they didn't live there very long.

His health began to fail so in 1911 they moved to Salt Lake City.

He was faithful in the ward and spent most of his time doing temple work.

Anna Stoll and her sister Eliza, were the only members of her family that joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

After her marriage to Fred she became a real helpmate and raised a large family and went through many hardships. With the help of her children she raised large gardens, did sewing and had the art of knitting. During World War I, she knit sweaters and socks for the Red Cross. She would do a sweater a day, working late at night.

She helped in her church, teacher in Relief Society, also in the presidency for a long while. She helped care for the sick, she was a faithful friend and helper in the death and burials of neighbors and friends.

After they moved to Salt Lake, Mrs. Haueter spent most of her time doing temple work and was a temple worker until her health failed.

The family was very attentive to their mother during her long sickness.

Children of Fredrick and Anna Haueter were:

Fredrick Otto, married Nancy Van Wag-
oner;

Mrs. Royal (Anna Louisa) Huffaker;

Charles, married Clarice Owiler;

Mrs. Emory (Emma) Hedger;

Mrs. George (Ida) Bonner;

Mrs. Frank (Matilda) Mortensen;

William, married Pearl Bronson;

Albert;

Nephi, married Olea Shipp;

Elmer Joseph;

Orson Walter.

JOHANN KARL HAUETER AND ROSINA SCHLUFLI HAUETER

Johann Karl Haueter was born November

17, 1845, at Langnau, Bern, Switzerland, a son of Christian Haueter and Maria Muller. Married Rosina Schlufli. Died September 9, 1917, in Midway.

Rosina Schlufli was born December 14, 1848, in Albligen, Bern, Switzerland. Died July 17, 1927, in Midway.

The Haueter family was converted to the Mormon Church in Switzerland. They disposed of their property and came to America in the company of a nephew, Fredrick Haueter, who was on his way home having completed an LDS mission in Switzerland.

Johann Karl bought a small farm in Midway. He raised dairy cattle and sold the milk, butter and cheese for a living. He was a hard-working, honest man. His good wife stood by him always.

Children of Johann Karl Haueter and Rosina Schlufli.

Mrs. Samuel (Rosina) Mitchell;

John Karl Jr.;

Magdalena;

Fredrick;

Mrs. Frank (Lizzie) Albany;

Elizabeth.

years, when he was employed at the Daily West Mill in Park City.

He died at his home of heart failure at the age of 82. Just prior to his death, he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Elizabeth Gertsch was born at Wengen, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Before she was old enough to go to school, her mother taught her the art of lace making. From early morning until night she worked. The finished lace was exchanged for groceries or sold to tourists who flocked to visit the health resort of Wengen, lying at the foot of the Junfrau.

With all its breath-taking beauty, Wengen was a difficult place to make a living. The grass on the steep mountain side had to be cut by hand with a scythe. The hay had to be harvested by hand. A small garden supplied fine flavored vegetables. Bread was bought from the store in Lauterbrunnen. Lauterbrunnen, located about four miles from Wengen, was reached by following a winding trail.

Her school days were happy days. Besides reading, writing, and arithmetic, she was taught to knit, sew, and crochet.

She was a member of the Lutheran Church, but became a convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, when Conrad Abegglen, a Mormon missionary from Midway, taught the gospel to the family. Because of the unpopularity and bitterness toward the Mormons and Mormonism, she was baptized in secret under cover of night, November 1890, by Brother Abegglen.

The family desired to come to Zion even though it meant making sacrifices. They put up their home, furniture and belongings for auction. The money received from the sale was not enough. Rather than wait until they could raise the remainder they decided to borrow it. With \$100 apiece to pay their fares and \$35 to take them to their destination, they left Bern, Switzerland, August 23, 1891, sailing from Liverpool, England.

When it became known about town that they were going to emigrate to America and cast their lot with the Mormons, the ministers from not only the Lutheran Church but all other denominations came to warn them against the Mormons and to plead with them to remain. They left their beautiful

Wengen, their friends and relatives, knowing they would probably never see them again.

The journey on the ocean was not pleasant. Elizabeth was both homesick and seasick. After arriving in New York, there was the long and tiring rail trip to Echo. From here she traveled by wagon to Midway, arriving September 19, 1891.

After she arrived here she earned money by picking up potatoes, house work or any job she could find. For three weeks during the winter months she attended school. Attewall Wootton was her teacher. Later she went to Salt Lake City, where she was employed at the George Q. Cannon home and the Abram Cannon home.

After she was married to John Huber they lived in Midway for about three years then moved to Park City for about seven years when they moved back to Midway and remained there permanently.

In March 1947, she and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Two months later he died of heart failure. On February 22, 1958, she celebrated her 80th birthday with an open house for her family and friends.

For many years she served faithfully in Relief Society as the chairman of the lunch committee and as a Relief Society block teacher. During the past years she has been afflicted with rheumatism, finding it painful to walk. This has kept her homebound much of the time. During her leisure, she spends many hours piecing quilts, sewing and crocheting.

John Martin Huber and Elizabeth Gertsch Huber were the parents of eleven children: Clara, Eva, (Mrs. Reese Arthur Wilson) Martin, Alma, (married to Nettie Frances Smith) Marguerite, Matilda, John Henry, (married to Florence Joanne Garlick) Hattie, (Mrs. Reed Harmer Walsh) Edith (deceased) James Russell, (married to Margaret Meeks) Vera, (married to Jack I. Carlson).

DAVID S. AND EVVA NEFF HUFFAKER

David S. Huffaker was born in Pioneer Square at Salt Lake City, October 6, 1847, a son of Simpson David and Elizabeth Melvina Richardsen Huffaker. He married Evva Neff, June 28, 1876, in the Salt Lake



Endowment House. She was a daughter of Ames and Mary Dillworth Neff. David died in Midway March 12, 1903, and Evva died April 21, 1942, at Midway.

David S. Huffaker had the distinction of being the first white boy born in Utah. He was given birth in a wagon box on the old Pioneer Square just four months after his parents arrived with the Jedediah M. Grant Company.

David later received a special medal for being the first white male child in the new area.

In the spring of 1849 the Huffaker family moved to a 200-acre farm in South Cottonwood, and there David grew to manhood.

His first introduction to Wasatch County came after he purchased a threshing machine and went into the custom threshing business. He was advised by Brigham Young to go to Wasatch County with his thresher and self-binder, which he did. He was so impressed with the valley that he decided to move his home and family here.

He homesteaded property in the southern part of the valley, and later added to his farm until he owned one of the best farms in the county. He spent the remainder of his life in Midway.

His wife was a widow for some 40 years, but maintained the family and the farm throughout her life.

Children of David and Evva were:

David, died in youth;
 Mrs. John A. (Martha Melvina) Wootton;
 Royal, married Louisa Haueter;
 Mrs. Brigham (Cloa) Clegg;
 Mrs. Lewis (Birdean) Tippetts;
 Mrs. J. Brigham (Lota) Wilson;
 Mrs. Harold (Blanche) Thomas;
 Vern, married Winnifred Beck and later Alice Colovich Epperson;
 S. Dermont, married Bessie Van Wagenen.

GEORGE HUNTINGTON AND ELIZABETH "BESSIE" ROSS HUNTINGTON



George Huntington, born Salt Lake City, November 1, 1872, son of George William Huntington and Sarah Elizabeth Spouse. Died July 27, 1958, at Mesa, Arizona. Buried in the Midway Cemetery.

George was a farmer and dairyman. He was active in both Church and civic affairs of the community.

He was a member of the Midway 2nd Ward Bishopric and also a member of Wasatch Stake High Council. He was a leader in dramatics in Midway for years. He took active part in the politics of the county and has held numerous civic offices.

Elizabeth "Bessie" Ross was born February 12, 1881, in Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. Daughter of Robert Bell Ross and Ella Gertrude Alexander.

Bessie was President of the Midway Second Ward Relief Society and has worked in all of the auxiliary organizations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is a prominent member of the Hawthorne Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She has been active in all the social affairs of Midway.

They were married March 4, 1904, in the Salt Lake Endowment House.

They are the parents of ten children, six of whom are living:

Ross Huntington, married Melville Ryther;
 Maurine Huntington, married William H. McBride;
 Roy, married Grace Rondot;
 Robert, married Jane Stewart;
 Rulon, married Vonda Horner;
 Russell, married Virginia Dombre.

For 15 years George and Bessie spent their winters in Mesa, Arizona, doing genealogy and temple work. They were ordained Temple Workers.

In Scherli, Canton Bern, Switzerland, Christian Sr., and Magdalena Balsiger Murri, parents of twelve children, accepted The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Their desire was to come to Zion in America to gather with the Saints. Many of the Swiss converts who were immigrating were coming to a little town in Utah called Midway, because its beautiful mountainous surroundings were similar to their beautiful and beloved Switzerland.

In 1873, Christian's brother John and family came to Midway. With them they brought Adolph, twelve year old son of Christian and a son of his other brother Niklaus Murri. Three years later, ten year old Magdalena and a second cousin, May Murri, immigrated with other converts to America. They also lived with their Uncle John.

Two years later twenty year old Rudolph, eighteen year old Christian Jr., and eight year old Fred arrived in Midway. The boys worked hard to save some money to send back to Switzerland to help their parents and other small living brothers and sisters, Charles eighteen months, Ernest five, and Rosina ten and a half to leave their country to the joyful uniting of their family in Midway in the fall of 1879.

After they lived in the little Dutch Hall and other places, they moved up Pine Creek above the Mahogany Springs, where they had a small dairy farm and Christian Sr., did some carpenter work which had been his profession in Switzerland. His wife Magdalena showed her love for flowers with her beautiful flower garden.

The children attended school in Midway in winter, and herded cows in the summer time. An interesting incident occurred shortly after their arrival. One day, Christian Murri, Sr., took his young son and several other children to Charleston for a load of hay. On their return the load of hay tipped over in the river as they crossed. In his native tongue he exclaimed as they tipped, "My God, help us, we will all be drowned." The Lord was watching over them and they were rescued.

In the spring of 1889 they moved to Idaho to homestead near St. Anthony, Idaho, in Wilford.

After their golden wedding anniversary which they celebrated in 1907 Christian Murri, who always wore a long white beard, took sick. Several months later he died.

Magdalena Murri died four years later in 1911. Both of them died of natural deaths in their home, after having a full life, raising to manhood and womanhood eight of their twelve children, both worked hard here, and also in Switzerland. They were real pioneers in helping develop the farm lands in Midway and again in Idaho. They died faithful to the gospel.

Their twelve children were as follows:

Rudolph, married to Louise Hunziker;

Christian, married Eliza Anna Walti;

Adolph, married Margaret Miller;

Mary Anna, died as a child;

Carl Frederich, died as a child;

Maria Magdalena, married Conrad Abeglen;

Rosella, died as child;

Rosina;

Gottfred, married Christian Miller;

Lena, died as child;

Ernest, married Eliza Baer;

Charles Emil, married Ellen Johnson.

CHRISTIAN MURRI JR.

Son of Christian Murri Sr., and Magdalena Balsiger. Married Ann Eli-a Walti.

They lived in a brick house in Midway where seven of their eleven children were born. They moved to St. Anthony, Idaho, to homestead near Christian's parents and family members, who had gone to Idaho earlier to help pioneer that part of the country.

JOHANNAS MURRI, SR., AND ANNA SPEICHER MURRI



Johannes Murri Sr., was born February 7, 1819, in Scherli, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Married Anna Speicher. Died May 7, 1881.

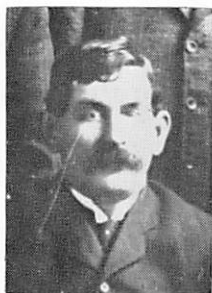
Anna Speicher was born June 3, 1823. Died April 1, 1907.

Johannes (John) Murri Sr., was the oldest of the three Murri brothers who immigrated to Midway. John and his wife Anna Speicher Murri and their son John Jr., came from their native home in Scherli, Canton Bern, Switzerland. They brought with them two young nephews. They were Adolph Murri, a son of their brother Christian Murri and John or Johnny Murri, the son of their brother Niklaus Murri.

They joined with a company of saints who embarked at Liverpool, England, on June 3, 1873 under the direction of an Elder Charles Wilchen on the ship Nevada. They arrived in Salt Lake June 26, 1873.

They made their home on a site just east of the Midway District School.

JOHN MURRI JR., AND MARY ANN HASLER



John Murri Jr., son of Johannes Murri Sr., and Anna Speicher Murri. Born March 4, 1858, in Switzerland. Married Mary Ann Hasler. Died August 26, 1926, in Midway.

Mary Ann Hasler, daughter of Fredrick Hasler Sr., and Margaretha Abegglen Hasler. Born December 2, 1863, in Switzerland. Died November 10, 1925, in Midway.

John Jr. married Mary Ann Hasler and they reared a large family. Their families immigrated in the same company and on the same trip. John Jr. was a lad of fifteen and Mary Ann a child of ten years. Midway was the family home until 1927.

John Jr. was active in developing irrigation, and acted as the manager of the Midway Water Works Co., for many years. He helped to acquire the water from "Indian Springs" for the use of sprinkling in Midway Cemetery and laid the first pipe line into the cemetery.

John Jr. acted as a mortician for the people of Midway and also cared for the sick, until it became possible to get professional help.

He helped care for and bury children in many Midway families who were stricken with diphtheria. His services were always given freely and without charge to all who needed him.

Children of John and Mary Ann Hasler Murri:

John H., married (1) Helena Roberts, (2) Luella Panter;

Fredrick Laurence, married Margaret Walker;

William Charles, married Leciel Carlile;

Frank Herbert, married Ethel Barnes;

Mrs. Monroe (Margaretha Adell) Hair;

Mrs. Claude (Ella Louise) Davis, later married Ethan Duke;

Mrs. Maurice (Mary Ann) Cluff;

Mrs. Bliss (Leda Elizabeth) Titus;

Ruby Anna, died in youth;

Gladys Louise, died in youth.

JOHANNES MURRI AND ELIZABETH GROSSEN MURRI

Johannes, son of Johannes Murri, Sr., and Maria Tseli Murri. Born May 23, 1823, Scherli, Bern Canton, Switzerland. Married Elizabeth Grossen. Died about 1875 in Switzerland.

Elizabeth Grossen, daughter of Fredrick Grossen and Susanna Hrick. Born October 12, 1841, at Hondergrune, Bern, Switzerland. Married Johannes Murri in Switzerland. Married Niklaus (Nicholas) Murri Jr. Died March 28, 1904 in Midway.

Children of Johannes Murri and Elizabeth Grossen:

Mrs. Jacob (Maria) Burgener;

Elsie, died in infancy;

Rosina, died in infancy;

Arlis, died in childhood;

Mrs. Moroni (Louise) Blood;

Mrs. Samuel (Lisetta) Thompson;

Susanna, died in infancy;

All the children were born in Switzerland. All three girls who lived came to Midway and married.

NIKLAUS MURRI, JR.

Niklaus (Nicholas) Murri, Jr., son of Niklaus Murri and Barbara Strit. Born January 5, 1826, in Scherli, Bern Canton, Switzerland. Married Maria Bachofner. Married Elizabeth Grossen Murri. Died January 30, 1907, Midway.

Maria Bachofner, born June 6, 1830, in

Ober-Balm, Switzerland. Died May 24, 1879, in Switzerland.

Elizabeth Grossen Burri, daughter of Fredrick Grossen and Susanna Krick Grossen, was born October 13, 1841, Handerggrund, Bern, Switzerland. Married Johannes Murri in Switzerland. Married Nicholas Murri.

Niklaus Murri Jr., son of Nicklaus Murri and brother of John and Christian Murri joined the Mormon Church in Switzerland. He and his first wife, Maria Bachofner, had seven children. One son, John, came to America in 1873 with his Uncle John and Aunt Annie. Maria, his sister, better known as Mary Ann Schild, came later.

After his wife's death Niklaus Murri married Elizabeth Grossen, widow of his cousin, John Murri. When they came to Midway to settle they couldn't find a place to live so they moved in with Jacob Buehler. They then lived by the Warm Mound.

For a living they raised vegetables and eggs and had a few cows on a small piece of ground up Snake Creek. Niklaus would travel with horse and buggy up to his farm and back to deliver food to his customers.

His wife, commonly known as "Aunt Liz", is remembered for the beautiful house plants adorning her windows.

A daughter, Emma Murri (Carroll), President of the Midway Second Ward Primary was born here in Midway.

Both Niklaus and Elizabeth lived to be quite old, having helped to build up the community of Midway.

Children of Niklaus Murri and Maria Bachofner:

A baby girl who died in infancy;

Albrecht;

Fredrich;

Rudolf;

Gottlieb;

Johann, married Lilly Whitney;

Mrs. Melchior (Maria) Schild.

Children of Niklaus Murri and Elizabeth Grossen Murri:

Mrs. John (Emma) Carroll.

Emma, born December 17, 1880, Midway. Married John Carroll August 3, 1900. Died September 18, 1926, Midway.

HANS MARTIN AND ANNA ELIZABETH HUBER NAEGELI

Hans Martin Naegeli was born October 22, 1809, at Landschlact, Thurgau, Switzerland, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Hafen

Naegeli. He married Anna Elizabeth Huber in 1842, in Switzerland. He died August 31, 1880, in Midway.

Anna Elizabeth Huber Naegeli was born November 20, 1815, at Dodtnacht, Thurgau, Switzerland, a daughter of Johannas and Anna Elizabeth Brauchli Huber. She was married first to Johannas Huber and after he died she married Hans Martin Naegeli. She died April 29, 1890, in Midway.

Hans and Anna were converted to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, being baptized and confirmed May 7, 1860, by Christian Mooseman.

In 1861 they came to Utah, walking across the plains in the Jabez Woodard Company. They settled first in Payson, and then in 1864 moved to Midway where Hans engaged in farming and also fishing.

When they moved to Midway, a son of Anna and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Huber, moved with them. Anna was very active in the community and was an accomplished singer. She was also very successful at planting and raising flax and spinning it into linen thread.

WILLIAM HENRY AND MARY SESSIONS OAKS

William Henry Oaks was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa, July 17, 1849, a son of Hiram and Sarah Oaks. He married Mary Sessions in the Salt Lake Endowment House in the fall of 1871. She died in 1880. William died March 28, 1923.

William came with his parents to Utah in 1852 and spent his early years in American Fork and Provo. About 1859 the family moved into the Midway area and located about three miles west of the present site of Heber.

As a young man William took an active part in the Black Hawk Indian War. After his marriage his wife bore three children, two boys and a girl, and then died early in life in the year 1880.

William was a man of pioneering disposition, and spent most of his life in the mountains. He was especially known as a great bear hunter.

During the summer of 1890 his father and two brothers, Martin and John, bought a sawmill and moved to Ashley in Uintah County. William joined them and spent the rest of his life in Eastern Utah. He was also active in farming in the Ashley area.

His three children also preceded him in death.

JOHN RILEY VAIL AND ALICE WHITE O'NEIL VAIL



John Riley Vail, son of Isaac Vail and Tryshiam Beeler Vail. Born June 7, 1864, Franklin, Oneida County, Idaho. Married Alice White July 26, 1883, Salt Lake City in the Endowment House. Killed in snow slide in Trinidad, Washington, March 1, 1910.

Alice White Vail O'Neil was born November 3, 1864, in Midway, a daughter of C. B. White and Mary Jane Marsh. Married John Riley Vail 1883, in Endowment House. After the death of Mr. Vail married Samuel O'Neil. Died May 18, 1948, in Midway.

Mr. Vail was a carpenter by trade and moved from place to place. He made a home for his family in Midway, Ashley, in the Big Horn Basin in Wyoming, Victor, Idaho, Chopin, Fremont County, Idaho, at the time of his death he was working in Washington. A snow slide struck the train on which he was a passenger.

Alice lived in Midway through her young life. Her father, C. B. White died when she was a small child. Her mother, Mary Jane Marsh, later married Samuel Thompson. He proved to be a good father to Alice.

During Alice's teenage years she had to help her mother card and spin wool and to color and weave it so that it could be made up in clothing as times were hard. They also knit stockings for the family as well as for other people, to help make a living.

Alice came with her family to Midway to live with her mother while her husband, John Vail, was working in Washington. While she was with her mother, all the children had diphtheria. The little boy George, age 7, died

with the disease, and her daughter, Mary (Mellie) was left paralyzed for some time.

While working at Trinidad, Washington, Alice's husband was on a train which was struck by a snow slide and was killed.

Alice took care of her mother who had been stricken with a stroke for about three years. After her mother's death Alice moved to Park City and cooked for boarders.

Her daughter, Naomi Vail Burgener, was Post Mistress in Midway for 38 years.

Alice was a faithful worker in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served as first counselor and also secretary and treasurer in the Relief Society at Victor, Idaho. She continued working and serving in the church after moving back to Midway. She also nursed the sick and those who needed help. Later she married Samuel O'Neil. He had one son Ellis (adopted).

Samuel O'Neil died April 3, 1935.

Alice White Vail O'Neil died at the age of 83.

Children of John and Alice Vail:

John Heber married Bertha Apley;

Mrs. Charles (Martha Melvina) Bigler.

Later married Morris Newell;

Mrs. George (Alice Naomi) Burgener;

Mrs. Luke A. (Mary Teresha) Provost;

Howard Lorenzo, married Louise;

Mrs. Jesse (Cora Loemma) Bigler. Later married Jack McKnight.

Mrs. Orval (Elsie Elvira) Hennickson;

George Gamiel, died in youth;

Myron Houek, married Faye Holdaway.

SAMUEL AND RUTH ROCKWOOD O'NEIL



Samuel O'Neil, son of John O'Neil and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil, was born November 4, 1863, Dalry Ayrshire, Scotland. Married Ruth Rockwood and later Alice Vail. Died April 3, 1935, Midway.

Ruth Rockwood O'Neil, daughter of Albert R. Rockwood and Susianne Cornwall Rockwood, born November 13, 1872, Salt Lake City. Died October 2, 1914, Midway.

Children of Samuel and Ruth Rockwood O'Neil:

Ellis, born May 1, 1912 in Wayne County. Ellis married Mildred Lee.

Samuel and Ruth O'Neil were honest, kindly people. Mr. O'Neil was a farmer. He was devoted to his church. He was baptized by George Wilson December 1, 1876. He was ordained an elder April 2, 1893. He was ordained a High Priest October 26, 1919 by Joseph F. Smith.

Mrs. O'Neil was an outstanding and effective teacher and helped in most of the auxiliary organizations of the church. She was sustained as second counselor in the Midway 2nd Ward Primary in December, 1907. On October 9, 1909 she was made the president of the Primary. Mrs. O'Neil served as President until December 22, 1913. She was gracious and friendly. Sam and Ruth O'Neil loved young people, and were respected by all the townspeople.

WILLIAM AND SUSAN ROSS O'NEIL



William O'Neil was born June 22, 1855, a son of John and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil. He married Susan Matilda Ross December 5, 1877 in Midway.

Susan Matilda Ross, daughter of James Jackson and Susan Luvernia Robey Ross, was born in Provo, March 22, 1860.

William spent his young life in Midway and after his marriage to Susan they moved to Roosevelt and Uintah County where they made their permanent home.

He was a missionary to Scotland and Ireland in 1889-1901, and served as president of the Uintah Stake YMMIA. He was first

counselor to Bishop Joseph A. McKee of the Glines Ward and first counselor to S. A. Russell in the Cedar View Branch Presidency. He was assistant Sunday School superintendent, and a teacher in the Glines Ward, as well as a high councilman, and stake missionary. He was also a member of the Third state legislature from Uintah County, and served as secretary-treasurer of the Cedar View Building Company. Other distinctions included school trustee and treasurer of the Roosevelt School District and delegate to the eleventh National Irrigation Congress in 1902. He was also a veteran of the Black Hawk Indian War.

Children of William and Susan were:

William, married Mary Elizabeth Wardle;
Mrs. Joseph James (Susan) Hards;
Mrs. George (Agnes) Fuller;
George, married Lenora Abplanalp;
Mrs. Louis (Nancy) Wall;
Mrs. Samuel Henry (Cora) Summerall;
Lycurgus;
Nellie;
Annie;
Ross;
John Walter.

ERNEST AND EMMA KOHLEK PROBST



Ernest Probst was born April 18, 1866 in Bern, Switzerland, the fifth child of Ulrich and Anna Barbara Keiner Probst. He married Emma Marie Kohler on February 13, 1895 in the Salt Lake Temple. He died in Midway July 1, 1936.

Emma Marie Kohler Probst was born November 18, 1871, at Bern, Switzerland. She died in Midway June 18, 1943.

With his parents, Ernest Probst emigrated to America in 1872, settling in Midway. Soon after they arrived they homesteaded

the land in the mouth of Snake Creek Canyon.

His early boyhood experiences included herding cattle in Snake Creek Canyon and raising and selling vegetables, along with other farm products to miners at the Dutchman mine and other locations. He attended the normal schools of the time.

While still a youth, Ernest learned the responsibilities of caring for a family. His father was called on a mission to Switzerland, and while he was away, two of the older boys in the family contracted a crippling disease, probably polio. Ernest had to assume much of the family responsibility with his mother.

After his marriage Ernest lived all his life in Midway. He engaged in farming and stock raising, and also hauled milk for the People's Creamery and the Mutual Creamery. He remained true and faithful to the Church, and during the last few years of his life engaged in much temple work. At his funeral he was described as "A man without any guile."

Emma Kohler Probst came to America with her parents at the age of 14, and though she couldn't speak English, desired very much to learn the language and attend school. She entered the first grade at the Midway School and within a year had attained the level of students her own age.

During her early life she spent much time working at the Schneitter's Resort, then owned by people named Monk. She was a beautiful seamstress and did much sewing for townspeople. Two years before her marriage she was privileged to attend the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple.

She always desired that her children be well educated and founded in the Church. She was deeply spiritual and devoted much time to the Church. She was a Primary and Relief Society teacher for 30 years, and was an ardent student of the scriptures. Few could surpass her in scriptural knowledge.

She engaged in temple work with her husband, and after his death spent the last seven years of her life in temple work.

Children of Ernest and Emma Probst included:

- Joseph E. Probst;
- Emma, who died at the age of five;
- Mrs. Joseph (Alice) Jorgenson;
- Mrs. Harold (Grace) Ford;
- May Probst;
- Wilford, who died at six months;

Mrs. Reid (Sylvia) Young;
Mrs. Richard (Blanche) Buchanan.

JACOB PROBST AND MARY HUBER PROBST



Bishop of Midway Second Ward 1903-1935.

Jacob Probst was born January 3, 1864, at Habstatten, Switzerland. He was the son of John Ulrich Probst Sr., and Anna Barbara Kiener. His father accepted the gospel when young Jacob was five years old. The first Mormon missionaries to come to their home in Switzerland were Karl G. Maeser and Willard Richards.

The Probst family emigrated from their old home to Utah in 1872. They arrived in Salt Lake City July 4.

After resting a few days with friends in Salt Lake, they were met by some Midway people who had come with horse and ox teams to move the emigrants to Midway. It took three days to make the trip.

Jacob Probst was baptized September 8, 1872 and confirmed the same day. He had two years of schooling in the old country and then attended school in Midway until he was about fourteen years old. School was held only about four or five months a year.

At the age of twenty-one, he started to shift for himself. He began work in the timber business for the Park City mines. He stayed with this work for about six years. During the winter, he attended school at the BYU in the years 1889, 1890, and 1891. In the spring of 1891 he was called from his school to go on a mission to Switzerland and Germany.

On September 25, 1891 he was married to Mary M. Huber in the Manti Temple by Elder Athon Lund. Two weeks later he left for his mission. He spent two and one-

half years in the mission field, returning home March 21, 1894. He made many converts.

When he returned home, he built a log cabin in Snake Creek where their first child, Karl was born. He was getting ready to build a larger house in the same place when a flood came down the canyon doing so much damage that he decided not to build there.

They had five children: Karl, Vernon, Stella, Leah, and Stanley. Leah was stricken with appendicitis when she was nine years old. Since there was no hospital, she was operated on in the home. She died in a few days. Stella died at the age of sixteen with smallpox. Stanley died when he was just about one year old. He was never well. They always said that when Stella died, the sunshine went out of their home.

Jacob Probst held many offices in the Church and community as follows: MIA president, secretary of the 96th Quorum of Seventies and High Councilman. In 1903, he was made Bishop of the Midway 2nd Ward, which position he held for 33 years. He was County Commissioner for four years, County Assessor for seven years, and town board member for eight years.

It would be hard to estimate the time he gave in service while he was Bishop. He would leave his work in the field to go and administer to the sick or help someone in need. During the flu epidemic he was going constantly, helping wherever possible and burying the dead. He was called on to settle many family disputes and many people went to him for advice.

He had a very pleasing countenance and was always kind and patient. He found time to listen to anyone who had a problem or needed his help in any way.

After he was released from being Bishop, he moved to Salt Lake where he began working in the temple. He became an ordained worker, and temple work became his whole life. After many happy years at the temple, he became ill and was operated on at the LDS Hospital.

After a lingering illness, he died, having lived a full, rich and very useful life and leaving behind him a host of friends.

Mary Magdalena Huber Probst was born in Midway on October 15th to Mary Magdalena Muntz Huber and John Huber in the year 1869. She was given a name and a blessing by her father on February 21, 1870. Later in 1870 her father was called to go to

Switzerland on a mission for the Church. Her sister, Emma, was born while he was away.

The family endured many trials and hardships, there being four small children for the mother to care for alone.

In the year 1873, her father returned from his mission and soon built a more comfortable home for them.

In about the year 1876, the family moved to Little Cottonwood. Here John Huber acted as agent for the Wasatch and Jordan Valley railroad, shipping Granite for the building of the Salt Lake Temple. At this time Mary was a child between six and seven years of age. She often carried her father's lunch across the creek to the Quarry Station where he worked.

From here the family moved to Salt Lake City, where they lived for a little more than a year. Here, Mary attended the St. Mary's school.

About 1878, the family moved back to Midway where they lived for a short time and then moved to Snake Creek.

As a little girl, Mary spent much of her time with her grandmother Nageli. She enjoyed watching her spin and weave and knit or make soap and candles. She also had a very beautiful voice and often she sang with the children teaching them the old German songs that she loved. She often took Mary with her at harvest time to glean in the wheat fields or pick up potatoes. At this time oxen were used to plow the fields.

Another job which fell to the lot of the children, was herding cows. There were very few fences and the cows had to be herded on the foothills. In the summer they were driven far up in the foothills as far as the Dugway and the Upper Narrows in Bonner Hollow.

In the evening the children took turns tramping bare-footed up in the canyon to bring the cows home.

The old ranch house in Snake Creek was the setting for many happy times. There were no Sunday night meetings, no picture shows, and no automobiles, so they had to make their fun. At night they often built a large bonfire and then played games or sang and told stories. Often the young people from town came to join them. Mary's father was a fine musician and sometimes he played his guitar and joined in the songs. Socials were very few. They had two or three dances each year.

The children usually walked to Primary, carrying the eggs to town which they traded for groceries to take home.

In the winter the family moved to town so the children could attend school. Each family had to pay the teacher, so their education was limited.

Mary was baptized on August 8th, by John Watkins and confirmed the same day by Bishop David Van Wagoner.

She attended the Brigham Young Academy in 1889, 1890 and graduated from the Junior Department in May, 1891.

Her husband left for a mission to Germany on October 9th, 1891, just two weeks after they were married. While he was away she taught school for two years in the west wing of the old postoffice building.

During her life she held the following positions in the church, besides being the wife of a bishop for thirty-three years; first counselor in the MIA to president Mary Watkins, president for five years of the Midway Second ward Primary and first counselor to president Martha Bronson in the Second Ward Relief Society.

After her husband was released from serving as bishop of the Midway Second Ward they left Midway and moved to Salt Lake City where they both could work in the temple. She was not very well at this time but went to the temple as often as her health would permit.

On May 7, 1940, she died from a heart attack while preparing to go to the temple.

Children of Jacob Probst and Mary M. Huber:

Karl, married Carrie Wright;

Vernon, married Melba Duke;

Leah, died in childhood;

Estella, died in youth;

Stanley, died in infancy.

JOHN ULRICH AND SUSANNA GERTSCH PROBST

John Ulrich Probst, son of Ulrich Probst Sr., and Anna Barbara Kiener, was born October 18, 1860 at Habstetten, Bern, Switzerland. He married Susanna Gertsch, December 18, 1891 in the Logan Temple. He died September 13, 1950 in Midway.

Susanna Gertsch Probst, a daughter of Conrad Gertsch Sr., and Margaretha or Margareta Gertsch (no relation) Gertsch, was born August 26, 1874 at Wengen, Bern, Switzerland.



John Probst came to Midway July 4, 1872 with his parents. They built a log house with a dirt roof up the Snake Creek. His schooling consisted of three years in Switzerland, some time in the old Midway School, and three winters in the German Hall. He also spent three months at the Brigham Young Academy in Provo.

He worked in the mountains chopping and hauling timber and cordwood for the mines in Park City. For about two and one-half years, he worked in the same business at Snyderville. Three years were spent in the white pines. A log cabin was built by John Buchler Sr. and himself. In March and April they would take their yoke of oxen and wagons and haul the wood to the mines. He also spent part of one summer hauling saw logs from Caraboo Canyon to the Mill flat where the Snake Creek tunnel is now located. Bishop John Watkins operated a saw mill there.

In the spring of 1888, he homesteaded 160 acres of land near St. Anthony, Idaho. In the fall of 1891, he met Susanna Gertsch, who had just immigrated to Midway from Switzerland. They were married December 18, 1891 at the Logan Temple. He received a mission call to Switzerland on the 9th of April, 1895. He wrote the following from his life's story—"I sold two beef cows for \$16.00 each, a young five-year old horse, weighing 1100 pounds for \$45.00, another for \$25.00. I received \$75.00 from Lundeen for letting him in on the Probst ditch. All told, my wife and I had about \$400.00 for my mission and it took over \$100.00 to take me to my field of labor. All then that I had left was \$300.00.

"Among the most interesting towns I visited while on my mission, was Oberwangen. There I visited the old house we had once lived in where the gospel message had been brought to us by such men as Karl G. Maeser, Willard Richards, Theodore Brad-

school education he served four years as an apprentice in his father's shop. This work proved exacting for while on duty Ulrich was compelled to hold a ball under his chin which indicated to his father whether or not he was attending to his job or looking at passers-by.

During the Franco-Prussian War in 1870, Ulrich served as a soldier in the Swiss Army. Among other duties while in the service, he was to make uniforms for the soldiers. He was a good sportsman and ranked as a leader among his associates in their pastimes and amusements. His favorite sports were cards (in the "Wirtschaft"), and "Horni-Nuss," similar to our present game of golf in the U.S., and "Chegli" corresponding to our game of bowling.

Like his parents, he too was a member of the Swiss Reformed Church. At the age of nineteen he married Anna Barbara Kiener, a school teacher, and to them were born the following children, nine sons and one daughter: Johannes, John Gottlieb, John Ulrich, Frederick, Jacob, Ernest, Johannes, Emil, Edward A., and Emma E. Probst. The last two were born after the family had emigrated to America.

With increased understanding of the Mormon faith came increased friendship for its propagators. When Elders Karl G. Maeser and Willard Richards brought the message of Mormonism to Oberwangen, the family welcomed them heartily and offered them their home for the first cottage meeting. Subsequently, on January 14, 1869, Ulrich was baptized and confirmed a member of the LDS Church.

The record shows that Nicholas Sommer performed the baptism and confirmation. Shortly after he was ordained an elder and made president of the Scherli Branch. In this position he was instrumental in converting Fred Haueter I and family, also John Sonderegger and family who later emigrated to America.

Along with an increased understanding of the gospel, the spirit of gathering took possession of Ulrich and his family. By means of savings, and a small inheritance, they emigrated to America and settled in Midway. Emigrating with them were the Buhler, Ulrich Rohner, and Haney families, who also took passage on the steerage class. Edward Schonfeld, a released president of the Swiss-German Mission had charge of the emigrants during the journey. The company

arrived July 4, 1872, in Salt Lake City. Ulrich had but five dollars left at that time with which to establish himself and family.

Through the influence of John Huber of Midway, the president of the Swiss-German Mission, the family was induced to settle in Midway. They were met at Salt Lake City by Sister Mary Huber, wife of the president, Brother Jake Burgener, and Christian Abegglen with a one-horse team and one ox team. It took three days to make the trip to Midway.

After an unsuccessful attempt at homesteading, in 1875, in the Southeast part of town, he went to Snake Creek where he acquired a Squatter's right. Here he lived during the summers improving the land, and then returned to the town for the winters. While at Snake Creek his only daughter was bitten by a tarantula, and died August 24, 1884.

In a religious capacity Ulrich served as the secretary of the 96th Quorum of Seventies, later as one of the Seven Presidents. He also led the German choir in Midway. In 1888, he was called to fill a mission to the Swiss-German territory. On his return in the spring of 1891 he married a plural wife, Rosina Schaub, of Basel, Switzerland, whom he had met and converted during his mission. As a result of this marriage he was disfellowshipped, but later was re-instated. Disposing of his property in Midway he fled with other polygamous refugees of the Church to Mexico for safety. Later he returned to the United States and settled in the San Luis Valley, in Colorado, where he successfully pursued the occupation of farming. From his second marriage there were four sons and three daughters.

In 1912, because of domestic difficulties, Ulrich returned to Midway where he died January 25, 1923, in full fellowship with his Church. Anna Barbara Kiener, the first wife of Ulrich Probst, was born June 17, 1831, in Bolligen, Bern, Switzerland. She was the fifth child of Niklaus Kiener and Rosina Hofer. From her father's family of nine, only one (a brother, Christian) other than herself joined the Church.

Her father was a farmer, and among her early recollections was the task of carrying fruit to the market. She acquired sufficient education to qualify as a teacher in the schools of Switzerland, which profession she practised until her marriage in 1857. The following excerpt from her son, John Gott-

lieb's autobiography, reveals her ability to learn. "Mother was a very good scholar in her day; also she taught school before she was married. She told me many times she could read and write when five years of age before she had even started to school. Also she had memorized 120 questions which every student in those days had to memorize before he could graduate from the district school."

Along with her parents she was a very devout member of the Swiss-Reformed Church. Her admiration for the minister was evidenced in later years after she had joined the LDS Church when she had temple work done for him.

She was an excellent singer and so developed her art that it was said of her that she possessed one of the finest of voices musically.

Together with her husband she was attracted to the message of Mormonism and was subsequently baptized February 18, 1869, by Elder Willard Richards, who also confirmed her a member of the Church. After her emigration, with her husband and family to Midway, she became an active Relief Society teacher and was a member of the organized German choir.

In the virtues of patience and devoutness she excelled. Loyal to her family she ever proved a wise counselor to her husband and sons.

Ulrich Probst and Anna Barbara Kiener Probst had the following children:

John Ulrich Probst, born Oct. 18, 1860—married Susanna Gertsch;

Jacob Probst, born January 3, 1864—married Mary Magdalene Huber;

Ernest Probst, born April 18, 1866—married Emma Elizabeth Kohler;

Edward A. Probst, born June 3, 1873—married Margaret Watkins;

John Gottlieb Probst, born November 23, 1858—never married, invalid many years, died June 11, 1921;

Johannes Probst, born November 24, 1837—died August 30, 1838;

Emil Probst, born May 13, 1870—died May 16, 1870.

Emma Elisabeth, born August 18, 1876;

Frederich Probst, born January 18, 1863—died June 10, 1871 (Scarlet Fever);

John, born December 6, 1867—died December 26, 1894.

LUKE ELISHA AND ELLIS JANE HOLFELTZ PROVOST



Luke Elisha Provost was born November 16, 1858, in Provo, a son of Luke Provost and Julia Ann Wheeler. Married Ellis Jane Holfeltz, March 16, 1883. He died March 18, 1933, in Midway.

Ellis Jane Holfeltz was born July 7, 1863, at Salt Lake City, a daughter of John and Rachel Wilson Holfeltz. She died April 8, 1940, in Midway.

Luke Elisha Provost was the youngest child in his family. He was a pioneer although only a young man. He was given the job during the Black Hawk Indian War, of packing water to those who were older and able to carry and use guns. He did errands for the Army and knew some of the white people who were killed and scalped by the Indians. Because of his young age he wasn't listed as a War Veteran.

After his older brothers were married he had the responsibility of making the living for his mother until her death June 4, 1881. He was very devoted to her.

He worked in the mines in Park City, at Alta and at the Snake Creek Tunnel. He was part owner of a brick yard, furnishing brick for many homes. He homesteaded a farm, which is now owned by Quayle Ward. He raised bees, selling honey to the local stores. He was over six feet tall, had black hair and brown eyes. He had many outstanding characteristics, and was very kind to all, especially toward his own family and close friends.

Ellis Jane Holfeltz Provost was a kind and loving wife and mother, a wonderful homemaker, being very clean as well as a very good cook.

She was a counselor in both the Mutual and Primary organizations and a teacher in

Johansen, he also lives in California; Grace married John Owen who is presently the superintendent of schools in Kamas, Utah; George married Cynthia Schear; Carol married Loyd Schlappi, and Grant married Iva Don Shumway.

Albert Remund married Anna Mina Madsen, daughter of Neils Peter Madsen and Marie W. Cathrine Krause of Mt. Pleasant. They had six children. Albert died August 31, 1955, of a heart attack. He was living in Salt Lake City at the time. Up until the time of his marriage he helped at home on the farm.

Matilda married first John Haney of Midway. They had a pair of twins who died and then one girl Verda, who was born a few months after her father was killed in a snow slide in Park City. A few months later Matilda married Emil Hafen of Mt. Pleasant. Four children were born of this union. Orval, the oldest, was in an accident at the mines in Price, in about 1926 and has been a cripple ever since. Matilda died March 18, 1954.

Henry Arnold Remund went to Duchesne County as a very young man, and helped settle that country. He had 12 miles of ditch to dig. He married Emma Marsing of Duchesne and they had four children. The oldest girl, Della, is the wife of Orin Turnbow and lives in Midway. Henry died May 27, 1924 of tick fever caused by a tick bite received while cleaning the ditch.

William (Bill) was never married. He died at the age of 60, October 12, 1945, in Park City.

Joseph Remund married Frances Chandler, a school teacher from Old Mexico. He lives in Salt Lake City. They have three children. Joe served on a mission to Germany from June 1911 to April 1914. He has been a dairy farmer most of his life.

Charles Remund married first Phoebe Orgil. Of this union there were four girls born. Phoebe died December 15, 1930. Charles later married Lottie Corlen Elliot. To this union two children were born. Charles died August 21, 1951.

Annie Remund married William Madsen. She is living in Mt. Pleasant and has one son. Her husband died in 1954.

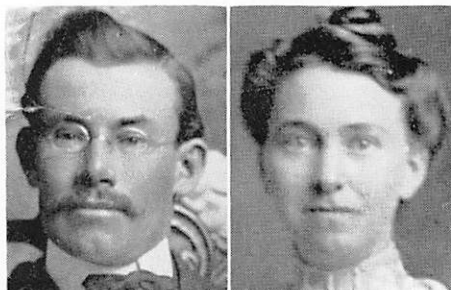
Mary Remund married Tom Clark. He died April 27, 1950. Mary has one son.

Lydia Remund married Mark Kennison to which union one daughter was born. Lydia

later married Lester Westburg. They live in Salt Lake City.

Fredrick Remund Sr., has 34 living grandchildren, 95 great grandchildren and 32 great great grandchildren and four living children.

FREDRICK REMUND JR. AND ANNA ELFREDA JASPERSON REMUND



Son of Fredrick Remund Sr., and Anne Elizabeth Ott. Born May 6, 1877, Richfield, Utah. Married (1) Alice Sulser November 1898. (2) Anna Elfreda Jaspersen October 25, 1905. Died December 17, 1944, Midway.

Alice Sulser, daughter of John and Mary M. Keller Sulser. Born August 1, 1880, in Midway. Died July 29, 1900.

Anna Elfreda Jaspersen, daughter of Lars Jaspersen and Augusta Weinike Jaspersen. Born May 26, 1876, in Ephraim. Died January 2, 1960.

Frederick Remund Jr., came with his family to Midway, in 1882. He spent all of his life there.

He attended public school, but when he was fifteen years old, his father was called on a mission to Switzerland. Fred was the oldest son so assumed the responsibility of taking care of the farm and the family. Fred also fulfilled a mission to Switzerland.

Fred was an excellent farmer. His certified seed potatoes were always in demand.

He was active in the church, serving as superintendent of the Sunday School and in other capacities. He was a loyal supporter of the town of Midway, and the schools. He managed basketball teams for the town and church. He helped in completing the road on the Memorial Hill.

Alice Sulser Remund died in childbirth. She was a beautiful and promising young lady. She bore a high record, was active in YLMIA and Sunday School. "She was

deeply loved and respected. Her girl friends all dressed in white with black sashes formed a procession and marched two by two from her residence to the meeting house—six strong young men followed carrying the casket, next came her Sunday School Class, and mourners and then followed a long train of carriages and vehicles."—from *Wasatch Wave*.

Children of Fredrick and Alice Sulser:

Twins: Karl and Parley. Karl survived, Parley died in infancy.

Anna Elfreda Jasperson and her family moved to Heber City in 1877.

She attended public school in Heber, and the BYC at Provo. She taught school at Vernal, Center Creek, Heber and Hailstone. She often drove from Heber to her school by horse and buggy. She had a most appealing contralto voice. This talent put her in great demand at funerals, choir work and programs.

She married Fredrick Remund, Jr., October 25, 1905. She moved to Midway at that time and still resides there.

She was president of Midway First Ward Primary for ten years. Also served as officer and teacher in YLMIA, Sunday School and Relief Society. She was active in dramatic and choir groups. She served as a member on several Stake Boards for the Church. She was an outstanding teacher.

Children of Fredrick and Anna Elfreda Remund:

Ralph, married Anna Yates;
Clive, married Lucille Johansen;
Mrs. John L. (Grace) Owen;
George, married Cynthia Schear;
Mrs. Lloyd K. (Carol) Schlappe;
Grant, married Iva Don Shumway.

SAMUEL AND AGNES O'NEIL RITCHIE

Samuel Cummings Ritchie, son of John Ritchie and Mary Cummings Ritchie. Born October 8, 1864, Montreal, Canada. Married Agnes Elizabeth O'Neil in Salt Lake Temple March 21, 1893. Died October 30, 1924, Park City.

Agnes Elizabeth O'Neil, daughter of John O'Neil and Agnes Cochran Hair O'Neil. Born December 3, 1871 in Midway. Died June 12, 1944, in Park City.

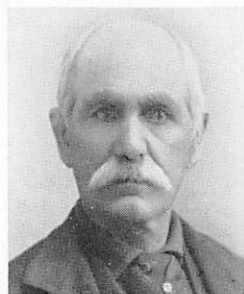
Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie were respected and beloved by their townspeople. They lived in Midway for many years and ran the O'Neil, later Ritchie Hotel and Boarding

House. They were known throughout the area for their hospitality and excellent food. They were praised for their gentle manner and generous hearts. They were both loyal to their friends and family. They fed and helped many people they knew to be in need. In later years they moved to Park City and continued in the boarding house business. They were faithful Latter-day Saints. They are buried in Midway.

Children of Samuel and Agnes Ritchie:

John, never married;
Agnes Helen, died in youth;
James, married Mignon Neilson;
Harold, died in youth;
William, married Hazel Ostrander;
Mrs. Edwin A. (Ruth O'Neil) Thompson.

THEOPHILUS KATEN ROBEY



Theophilus Katen Robey, son of Jeremiah and Ruth Tucker Robey, was born August 3, 1834, in Harrison County, West Virginia. He came to Utah with his parents in August, 1852, in the David Wood Company. They settled in Provo. Two years later he went to California, where he remained for 25 years. While there he married Sarah Mathews, by whom he had five children: Franklin, James, Sarah Robey Hummer, Addie Robey Gifford, and Mary Robey Richmond.

In 1877 he returned to Utah, a widower. He later married Maria Rolfe Field of Park City, a widow with three children, Virgil, Albert, and Gilbert Field. After his second marriage he settled in Midway, where he devoted his time to farming. By his second marriage he had six children: Samuel, Harrison, Wesley, Clara Robey Post, Nellie Robey Scott, and Leone Robey Wilde.

After his family was grown and his parents were dead, he returned to his old home in California. Some of his second family accompanied him. He followed the voca-

tion he had learned in his younger days, that of pruning trees and shrubs. He followed his trade until his death. He was thrifty and never idle.

He spent his later years with his son Sam in Arcadia, California. He had a very cheerful disposition and made many friends. He remembered distinctly of living in Nauvoo, and the interesting incidents connected with the life of the Saints there. He saw the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum many times. He was in Nauvoo when they were martyred. While in Nauvoo his father worked on the Temple, and "Olf," as he was affectionately called, carried lunch to him every day. His name appears on the Pioneer Monument in Provo as one of the early sturdy pioneers of Utah. He died February 22, 1923, at the age of 89 years, at his home, in Arcadia, California. He died in full faith of the Gospel and bore his testimony that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of the Lord.

ROBERT BELL AND ELIZABETH WRIGHT ROSS



Robert Bell Ross was born in a little town near Edinburgh, Scotland, on March 4, 1832, to Robert Ross and Mary Patterson of Scotland. His father died a few weeks before his birth leaving his mother a widow with a large family to raise. With the help of an Uncle Robert, he received an exceptional education for those days. He became a successful mining contractor. In his young manhood he, with some of his sisters, were converted to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

On New Year's Eve of the year 1854, he was married to Elizabeth Wright, daughter of Robert Wright and Janet Stevenson. Elizabeth was born February 28, 1832 at Belleston, Scotland. They were married by an Elder of the church.

This couple was blessed with but one child, a son, Robert Bell Jr., who was born January 22, 1857. Later the same year when little Robert was but a tiny babe the family with some relatives and other Saints, among whom was Karl G. Maeser, came to America. They crossed the stormy Atlantic in the ship Tuscarora. After the long ocean voyage where they experienced severe storms and much illness they landed at Philadelphia.

The family did not come to Utah at that time, but went to Maryland where relatives resided. From Maryland they went to Kentucky and to Illinois. In the year 1862 they joined a company of Saints who were leaving to cross the great plains to come to Utah. They came with the Homer Duncan Company. After the trials and hardships incidental to these long journeys they arrived at Cache Valley where they resided during the winter.

In the spring they went to Virginia City, Nevada. Here Mr. Ross's mining ability stood him in good stead. In the spring of 1873 the family settled in Midway, where they remained the rest of their lives.

Elizabeth Wright Ross was an expert with the embroidery needle, and was an excellent dressmaker. No one could prepare a better meal, and her skill in gardening is known to all who knew her. She lived to be 92 years old.

Robert Bell Ross died in Midway October 12, 1895, and Elizabeth Ross died October 16, 1924, in Midway.

ROBERT BELL ROSS, JR., AND ELLA ALEXANDER ROSS



Robert Bell Ross Jr., was born January 22, 1857, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Son of Robert Bell Ross and Elizabeth Wright. Married Ella Gertrude Alexander 1881. Died February 7, 1946, in Salt Lake City.

Ella Gertrude Alexander Ross, born January 1, 1863, East Mill Creek, Salt Lake County. Daughter of Alvah Jedathan Alexander and Elizabeth Soule. Married Robert Bell Ross, Jr., 1881. Died October 25, 1931, in Midway.

When Robert was but a few months old his parents and maternal grandparents took him to Liverpool, England, from where they set sail on the ship Tuscarora for the land of America. They arrived safely about mid July at Philadelphia.

From 1857 to 1862, his parents lived and labored in several states. They had joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in their native land, but had to remain in the east to secure means to go on to Utah. They reached the Salt Lake Valley in the fall of 1863. Then they moved to Virginia City, Nevada, for a few years. In the fall of 1872 the family returned to Utah and settled in Midway. Here they established a home where they resided the rest of their lives.

Robert taught school, farmed, also worked in the mines of Park City. He loved to mingle with the young people. He was especially fond of dancing and dramatics. In civil capacity he served as Justice of the Peace for many years. He was a director of the Midway Town Board and was President of the Midway Irrigation Company.

Ella Alexander was the fifth child and third daughter of eleven children born to her parents.

Her first year in school was in Mill Creek, but when she was seven she moved with her parents to Midway. She taught school during the winters of 1880 and 1881. When the 1881 school year ended she was married to Robert Bell Ross being then eighteen years of age.

Ella Alexander Ross was an ardent church worker in most of the auxiliary organizations. She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She was President of the MIA and a teacher in Relief Society. She made temple clothes and helped with the sick. She was an outstanding church and civic worker. Both are buried in the Midway Cemetery.

Children of Robert and Ella Ross:

Mrs. George Augustus (Elizabeth) Huntington;

Robert Bell III, died in infancy;

Mrs. Claude Edwin (Effie Ardell) Willis;

Alvah Alexander, married Jennie A. Ep-person;

Adelbert, married (1) Helen Baldwin (2) Sarah Hollinger Gentry;

Frederic, died at birth;

Wilbur Claude, died;

Lorin Dee, married (1) Juanita Burgener (2) Freda Frye.

GOTTLIEB AND ELIZABETH (ALICE) KUHNIE SCHEAR



Gottlieb Schear, son of Andreas Schear and Elizabeth Eckenk Schear. Born December 7, 1834, at Dietwyl, Bern, Switzerland. Married Elizabeth Kuhnle. Died August 24, 1886, Salt Lake City.

Elizabeth (Alice) Kuhnle, daughter of John Kuhnle and Anna Therstine Kuhnle. Born April 6, 1839, at Dangnad, Bern, Switzerland. Died 1913, in Midway.

Gottlieb Schear was an accomplished musician. The band he organized was very much in demand and they traveled throughout Switzerland playing.

It was sometime during the first 26 years of his life that he became interested in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for he and his brother were baptized in November 1859 by Henry Reiser.

After many weeks of indecision Gottlieb and his brother decided to leave their native country, friends and family, and come to America. Their first goal was to reach Liverpool, England. It was here that the brothers became separated. So, Gottlieb came on to America without his brother. Upon reaching America he joined a wagon train and traveled on across the plains into Utah.

Gottlieb's first work was managing an outpost station. He would furnish riders with fresh horses. This station was located north of Logan.

HYRUM SHELTON AND EMMALYN SULSER SHELTON



Hyrum Shelton, son of Stephen and Abigail Harris Shelton, was born March 10, 1848, at Mt. Pisgah, Iowa. He married Emmalyn Sulser November 6, 1879, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Died November 3, 1901, in Midway.

Emmalyn Sulser Shelton, daughter of Casper and Katherine Steidler Sulser, was born December 18, 1856, Monticello, New York. Married Hyrum Shelton. Died December 29, 1930, Midway.

Hyrum came to Utah with his parents in the Captain Melvin Ross Ox Team Company in the year of 1848.

They located in Provo, later moving on a farm about three miles out of Provo, where Hyrum lived with his parents until Indians began taking their pigs and chickens and destroying their gardens. They then moved into Provo to fortify themselves with the other settlers in the fort until the Indian troubles were settled.

Hyrum's father, Stephen Shelton, died in 1853, at Provo. Hyrum's mother, Abigail, was left a widow with seven children to care for.

About the time when Hyrum was 14 years old, his mother moved into Provo Valley. She brought her children with her and settled in what was called the Lower Settlement. Hyrum and his brothers worked for the farmers, hauling hay, threshing and herding cows, to help care for their mother and the younger children.

When Indian troubles again started they moved into Fort Midway. Hyrum, by this

time, was old enough to be enrolled into the infantry company under Ira Jacobs, where he continued to help protect the fort and valley until the Indian depredations were over.

Hyrum homesteaded 60 acres of land in the northern part of Midway. With his brothers' help he built a log cabin with three rooms and a large attic, where they moved their mother, Abigail. She lived there for a number of years, and then she moved to Vernal.

Hyrum sold 10 acres of his Homestead to Mr. Strong. Later, in 1887, Mr. Strong sold it to Mr. Andrew Luke where Mr. Luke established "Lukes Hot Pots Resort."

Hyrum was a farmer, a day laborer, and a miner. He was a Black Hawk War veteran.

About the year 1899, in the late summer, he was working at a prospect mine in the white pines in the mountains near Midway. After the days work, and on his way home, his horse run away and in turning the corner over the canal bridge, the horse fell on him crushing his leg so badly that it had to be amputated above the knee. He lived two years after his accident.

Emmalyn came to Utah with her parents in Captain Joseph W. Young's Company. She was five years old when they left New York to come to Utah. She walked a great part of the way. When she became too tired to walk, her two older sisters, Margaret and Susanna took turns carrying her.

She remembered well after a rainstorm they would have to dry out the strips of rawhide that had been carefully tacked on the wheels of their hand-carts to hold the spokes so that they would not fall out. When the rawhide got wet it stretched and let the spokes loosen.

Arriving in Salt Lake City after a long and trying journey, they settled in Big Cottonwood. Later they moved to Provo Valley, living in what was known as the Upper Settlement.

After her marriage to Hyrum, she moved about one mile out of town to his three-room log cabin where she lived the balance of her life except for four years when she moved from the cabin to a frame house.

She was the mother of eight children. Her husband, Hyrum, died when the youngest child, Edith, was four years old. Emma was left a widow with eight children to care for and rear. She had a small farm with sev-

eral cows. She sold the milk to the Creamery.

The two boys worked as day laborers and chore boys. The girls worked together with their mother taking in washing. They were a happy family and loved their mother very much.

Children of Hyrum and Emmalyn Shelton:
Hyrum Jr., married Ora Galli;

Mrs. John (Elizabeth) Meeks. Later married William Luke;

Joseph Shelton;

Katherine, died in youth;

Emma, died in youth;

Martha Jane;

Mrs. Charles Franklin (Cordelia) Luke;

Mrs. James Thomas (Edith) Wilson.

JOHN SHELTON AND MARY MORTON SHELTON

John Shelton, son of Stephen Shelton and Abigail Harris Shelton, born December 4, 1839, Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, married Mary Morton March 1868. Died March, 1900, Vernal.

Mary Morton, daughter of John and Margaret Morton, born March 29, 1849, in Lancashire, England. Died February 10, 1880, Wanship, Utah. Buried in Midway.

Children:

Mrs. Samuel (Mary Jane) Hair;

Elizabeth, died in childhood;

John Jr., never married;

Mrs. James (Margaret) Kinsey;

Stephen, married Fanny Wardle;

John Shelton came across the plains in 1850 with his parents. The family settled in Provo, and resided there for about five years. After the death of his father in 1855, John Shelton moved with his mother and family of six children to Midway.

Since John was the oldest boy, he felt it was his responsibility to support the family and he worked very hard to do so. He married Mary Morton and they lived for 12 years in Midway.

John was a small man, but very industrious. Before any farm machinery was brought into the valley, farmers were obliged to cradle all of their grain by hand. Contests were held to see who could cradle the most grain in the shortest time and John always won these contests. He loved to dance and would often tap dance at pioneer entertainments. In the spring of 1879, John Mor-

timber to the mill by ox team.

John's wife, Mary, became very ill and died on February 10, 1880. With the help of Abigail Harris Shelton and Margaret Cunningham Morton, the Shelton children were cared for during the next two years.

In 1882, John Shelton sold his property in Midway and went to work in the timber again. He took many large contracts of timber for the Ontario Mine and also provided them with cord wood and charcoal for fuel purposes. He employed many men during this time. All the work was completed with the use of ox teams.

In the fall of 1888 he moved to Vernal, where he lived the rest of his life.

Mary Morton came to America in 1857 with her parents and two brothers, Allen and John. While the family lived in Pennsylvania, Mary was able to attend art school where she learned to do all sorts of needlework. After she came to Midway, she was one of the pioneer dressmakers and did all of the sewing for her family.

When the Morton family were prepared to come west, they traveled to St. Joseph, Missouri, and then went up the Missouri River on a steam boat to Florence where they met an ox team train bringing members of the Church to Utah. After that time, Mary walked most of the way across the plains.

Mary lived with her parents in Provo Valley and during the time of Fort Midway, she was appointed by those in authority to visit the homes of the sick and elderly people to sing to them and cheer them. She was always active in choir work and gave freely of her fine voice in community functions. During the 24th of July celebration in 1867, Mary Morton and Matilda Roby were selected to carry the banner for the parade, which was a great honor at that time.

After her marriage to John Shelton she lived in Midway and bore five children. She later went with her husband to Wanship where she died at the age of 30, leaving a young family. At the time of her funeral it was reported the snows were so deep the cortege could hardly get through to the Midway Cemetery.

JOHANNES AND BERTHA BUHLER SONDEREGGER



Son of Hans Ulrick Sonderegger and Anna Elizabeth Forglar. Born November 30, 1830, in Balgauh, St. Gallen, Switzerland. Married Anna Maria Lemp November 27, 1857, in Switzerland. Married Bertha Buhler in 1878, in the old Salt Lake Endowment House. Died November 1, 1893, in Midway.

Bertha Buhler, daughter of Solomon Buhler and Verena Hackler. Born August 15, 1856, at Ritheim, Argaur, Switzerland. Married Johannes Sonderegger, 1878. Died July 22, 1924, buried in Midway.

Johannes Sonderegger, a Swiss immigrant, was an expert stone cutter, mason and carpenter who found his skills in demand in the early history of Provo Valley.

He worked as an artisan on the Salt Lake Temple for 12 years. He also worked on the Wasatch Stake House during the entire time of construction. Johannes also built the brick hotel at the old Schneitter's Hot Pots, which still stands, and is known as the Virginia House. When the former Midway 2nd Ward house was built, on April 4, 1881, Bishop David Van Wagoner dedicated the cornerstone that had been made ready for this purpose by the stonemason, Elder Johannes Sonderegger.

He married Anna Maria Lemp, on November 27, 1857. They were both baptized in 1870, in Switzerland and emigrated to the United States in 1872. Anna Maria died November 10, 1878, and was buried in Midway.

Johannes bought an acre of ground in Midway, and built a one-room house. They lived there for a number of years before Anna Maria died. She had a bad case of typhoid fever and was very sick for a long time before she died.

In 1878, he married Bertha Buhler in the

Old Salt Lake Endowment House. They moved into the one-room house and that summer he built another room and put shingles on. It was the first house in Midway to be shingled.

Bertha Buhler joined the Church at the age of 19 years and was baptized and came to America. Her family disowned her because of it. But one other sister and her husband came a few years later. She received her schooling in Switzerland, and she spoke French and German very fluently.

Bertha was 22 years old when she married and Johannes was 48 years. She was left a widow at the early age of 37, with eight children to care for. She was a Relief Society teacher for many years.

Besides Johannes' work on the Salt Lake Temple and Wasatch Tabernacle, he also built two large stores in Park City, and the foundations for several houses in Midway and Heber.

Nine children were born to Johannes and Bertha. They were:

Fredrick, who married Marian Lindsay Burt;

Bertha, who married William W. Wilson; John, who married Pauline Gayheart. He is a great clarinet player in Boston, Mass., and played many important concerts. He also has a music shop where he repairs musical instruments.

Louise, married Robert Clegg;

Minnie, married James Taylor Witt (2) Joseph C. McDonald;

Ida, married Charles Anderson;

Emma, married Jesse Nelson;

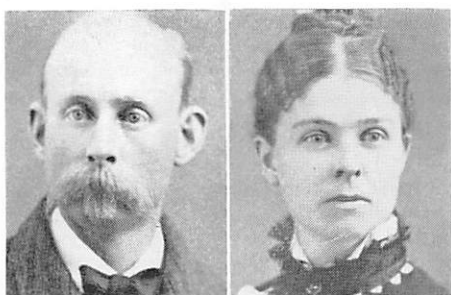
George William, died in infancy.

Ernest Ervin married Grace Watkins. He filled a Church mission to Germany during World War I, and had to be transferred to the states to finish because of the war.

CORNELIUS A. SPRINGER AND ELIZABETH (BESS) MOSER SPRINGER

Cornelius A. Springer, son of Cornelius Springer, Sr. and Temperance Drew Springer, was born in 1847 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He married Elizabeth Moser in Massachusetts. He died in 1920 in Midway. Mrs. Springer died in Midway several years later. They are both buried in Salt Lake City.

Captain and Mrs. Springer came to Utah in 1880. They settled first in Salt Lake



City. After a few years there they moved to Midway, and built a home in Snake Creek Canyon. Mr. Springer was always called "Captain Springer" for he was a sea-faring man and captain of a ship before coming west. He was a colorful, interesting person. He was modest and unassuming, cheerful and kind.

Mrs. Springer, affectionately called "Aunt Bess," was an excellent cook and expert housekeeper. She cultivated exceptionally beautiful flowers. She and Captain Springer were known for their bounteous gardens and well-kept yards. They loved their life in the mountains. They were praised for their hospitality. They lived and died highly respected citizens of Midway.

Their children were:

Bertha, who married Robert Epperson; after his death she married Edward Berry of Park City;

Alonzo, who married Mary Zweifel and moved to Salt Lake City.

JEREMIAH ROBEY SPRINGER AND LYDIA ROSETTA BIGLER SPRINGER



Jeremiah (Jerry) Robey Springer was born November 17, 1878, in Midway, a son of Nathan Chatmond and Matilda Robey

Springer. He married Lydia Rosetta Bigler on November 9, 1904, at Heber. The marriage was later solemnized in the Temple.

Lydia Rosetta Bigler was born June 12, 1881, at Tuba, Arizona, the daughter of Jacob Arnold Bigler and Pauline Ott Bigler.

Jerry Springer spent his youth in Midway, except for a sojourn while very young in Mexico with his father, who had gone there in the interest of mining. Mr. Springer, like his father, engaged in mining and mining contracting. He spent several years in Park City, Soldiers Summit, and Grass Valley, California, following his trade. He served as mayor and as sheriff in Soldiers Summit. He had a coal business for several years in Soldiers Summit. He was also a good blacksmith. He has made several trips to Mexico on mining business.

He, with Reese Claybourn and Nymphus Watkins from Midway, was among the first cadets at the Utah State Agricultural College in Logan. He was the counselor in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association in the Midway First Ward. He is a member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. He is a generous, honest, dependable man, respected and loved by the people of each community in which he has lived.

The Bigler family moved from Shumway, Arizona, to Mt. Pleasant, Utah, when Lydia was nine years old. It took six weeks to make the trip with teams and wagon. They crossed the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry and traveled over Lees Backbone which was a treacherous journey. Mrs. Springer remembers the water holes at Moen Copping, Arizona, where the Mormons had a woolen mill at one time. While crossing a river during the trip, the team was caught in quicksand and only help from men at Moen Copping prevented a tragedy.

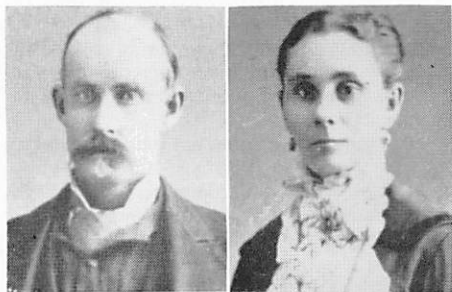
Lydia was visiting in Midway when she met Jerry Springer. They fell in love and were later married. Mrs. Springer was president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association of the Midway Second Ward. She has been a member of the singing mothers, and is a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She has been an active Relief Society member for many years. She is a good mother, a loyal citizen, and a highly respected neighbor.

The children of Jerry and Lydia Springer:

Jay Reed, married Fannie Lyman;
Mrs. Joseph (Lydia Pauline) Erwin;
Beryl Ott, married Tura Holmes;

Lowell Franklin, married Louise Patrick;
Mrs. George (Amy) Whitley;
Mrs. Dean (Floris) Olsen.

NATHAN CHATMOND SPRINGER AND MATILDA ROBEY SPRINGER



Nathan Chatmond Springer, son of John Springer and Eliza Manchester Springer, was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, June 26, 1843. His parents had sixteen children, eight sons and eight daughters, fourteen of whom grew to full maturity and raised families. Nathan was the fifteenth child of his parents.

While he was still a young lad he went to sea as a cabin boy on board the whaling ship "Charles W. Stewart," of which his brother, Cornelius Springer, was captain. He followed the sea for a number of years, and became quartermaster of "The Dupont." His brother Cornelius was commander of this ship.

In the early spring of 1863, he, with a companion, Pete Clays, went to Buffalo, New York. While there they met a company of immigrants who were preparing to go west to California. The two young men were fired with enthusiasm for such an adventure, and volunteered to join the company as teamsters. Neither of them knew anything about horses, but their offer was accepted and they came west as teamsters of a freight train bound for the Pacific Coast. They reached Salt Lake in the late summer of 1863. They liked Utah and decided to stay in Salt Lake City rather than go on. They secured employment at a lumber camp in Big Cottonwood.

In 1865 Nathan met and married Hannah Anderson. She died in Mill Creek in September 1866 when her first baby, a little girl, was ten days old. Little Hannah lived

and was raised by Mr. and Mrs. George Norville of North Ogden. They had no children of their own, and brought Hannah up with loving care. She married Albert Toone and spent her life in North Ogden. They had nine children: Albert, Jr., Edward, George, Annie, Glen, Rose, Ellen, Blanche and Mabel.

On November 2, 1867, Nathan married Matilda Robey, the daughter of Jeremiah Robey and Ruth Tucker Robey. She was born December 13, 1849 at Honey Creek, Iowa. They were married by George Q. Cannon in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. They had eight children: Emily Matilda, married Henry T. Coleman; Lalla Ruth, married Charles Alexander; Ellen Melissa, married Carson Smith; Nathan Chatmond, Jr., married Annie Lewis Carroll; Franklyn Theophilus, died in youth; Jeremiah Robey, married Lydia Bigler; Ida May and Lethe Belle, died in youth.

Mr. and Mrs. Springer made their home in Midway. During the summer of 1868 Mr. Springer worked at the saw mill in Snake Creek, which was owned by Henry Coleman, Sr. He served as a guard in the Black Hawk War. He later turned his interest to mining. He was a contractor, and was superintendent of various mines in the Park City and Alta Districts. He was interested also in the Snake Creek and Deep Creek mining projects.

In the fall of 1886, he went to Mexico where he had been offered a position as superintendent of a group of mines. He took his young son Jerry with him. While he was in Mexico he was invited to visit his brother Franklyn Springer in Bluefield, Nicaragua, Central America. His brother wanted Nathan to become interested in a banana plantation which he owned. Nathan made two trips to Bluefield. While there on the second visit, he was drowned when the boat in which he and two companions were fishing was overturned by a sudden squall. His death occurred November 16, 1888. His young son Jerry was accompanied home by his cousin Henry Springer, son of Franklyn Springer.

Matilda Robey was nine years old when her parents moved from Provo to Provo Valley, settling in the Lower Settlement. They were among the first pioneers to come to what is now Midway in 1859. She was the youngest child of her parents. She was dainty and pretty and adored by her family.

She took many enjoyable trips to Salt Lake City and Mill Creek with her parents who often had friends to visit and business to attend there.

It was during one of these visits that she met a strapping young sailor, Nathan Springer, who had left his native New England for California and the gold rush. Stopping over in Salt Lake to rest and get supplies, Nathan became interested in Utah and the Mormons. He liked the country and stayed. After meeting Matilda he knew for sure he would stay.

Nathan and Matilda wanted to settle close to her people. So they built a home in Midway. Matilda knew how to make a log cabin a cozy, comfortable and happy home.

Nathan went into the mining business. When he and Matilda had been married for 17 years and had eight children, Nathan went to Mexico and while visiting his brother, Franklyn in Nicaragua, drowned.

It was indeed a sad day for Matilda and her family when they received the letter edged in black telling of the husband and father's death. Nathan had been a good provider and although Matilda was left with eight children to care for and raise with careful planning she and her children never were in want. Matilda was only thirty-five years of age when she was left a widow.

During a terrible epidemic of black diphtheria Matilda's family was stricken. Ida May, Lethe Belle, her two youngest girls and Franklin, a son, died.

One by one the rest of her family married and made homes of their own. A year after her oldest child, Emily, was married Matilda's mother (Ruth Tucker) died. This was a great sorrow and loss to Matilda for her mother had been "stay and strength" to her as she carried on her duties as a widow. Her father, Jeremiah Robey, now came to make his home with her.

They were happy in each other's company. Matilda cared for her father faithfully and lovingly until his death at the age of ninety-five years.

Matilda was always an independent person. Although her children would have loved to have had her live with them in their homes she was happy and content to live by herself in her lovely old home of eight rooms.

Her family was a musical one, every one

could sing and they played the lovely old organ with its chimes. She had a wonderful library of books for she was a great reader. Her grandchildren never tired of her telling them the stories of the Indians and the early days and trials of the Saints, of their love and devotion to their Church.

She always bore her testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel. She had the record of being a Relief Society teacher longer than any one living in Midway. She had a wonderful attendance record too. Until her health failed one could always see her in Church on Sunday.

She never used glasses and her hearing was very good for her age. On her ninety-first birthday her granddaughter, Merle Coleman Madsen and husband, Elmer Madsen, took her down to the Provo Airport and gave her her first airplane ride. She thrilled over it as her travels were then from the ox team to the airplane.

At the age of 92 she suffered a slight stroke, but recovered enough to wait on herself, although it was necessary for her to live with her daughter, Emily. She died two and a half years later, April 30, 1944, and was buried in the Midway Cemetery.

PETER AND ELIZABETH STREBEL

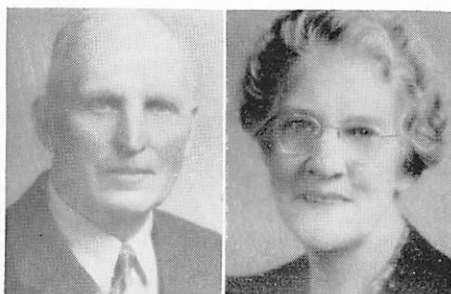
Peter and Elizabeth Strebel lived in Midway in the early days of the community. They lived in the pot rock house on the Midway-Charleston road now owned by Russell Price. They later moved to Center Creek.

Mr. Strebel was a stone cutter by trade and made many of the red sandstone tombstones in the various cemeteries in Wasatch County. The Strebels were splendid people who are remembered and respected by many county people.

Very little of their history is available. There is recorded, however, one letter which he sent to the Midway Irrigation Company as follows:

To the President and Directors of the Midway Irrigation Company.

This is to certify that Peter Strebel was damaged by water from a breaketh of the Kumer ditch in the night of June the first, the water was about two feet deep in stable and destroyed about fifty small chickens and ducks the damage sustained amounts to



ried Sarah Frances Ohlweiler, January 5, 1899 at Heber. The marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple April 26, 1899. George died January 3, 1953 in Midway.

Sarah Frances Ohlweiler Watkins was born May 15, 1880 in Heber, a daughter of Henry and Eliza Jane Baker Harvey Ohlweiler. She died January 5, 1954 in Midway.

George T. Watkins spent his entire life in Midway, and was educated in the Wasatch County schools. He also spent two winters at the Brigham Young Academy in Provo where he lived with his grandparents, Joseph and Henrietta Sawyer.

He was a builder and contractor, and laid many of the rock and brick homes in Midway and Heber. Some of his projects were the rock part of Wasatch High School, the pea factory, Ashton's Hardware store and part of the Heber Exchange building. He also poured the first concrete sidewalks on main street in Heber.

George was civic minded and promoted many worthwhile projects in the valley. He represented Midway when the Heber Light and Power company was organized, and served as a member of the Midway Town Board.

Throughout his life he was devoted to the Church. He served as superintendent of the YMMIA, and introduced the reading course program into the ward. He was first counselor in the bishopric to Bishop Clark Bronson and taught many auxiliary classes. At the time of his death a grandson paid the tribute to him: "He was truly a great man."

Frances was the sixth child of a family of eight, and was reared and educated in Heber.

Throughout her life she was a faithful Latter-day Saint. She was active in Relief Society and for many years decorated the ward chapel and took care of flowers for

funerals. She served on many committees for ward socials and community events.

She was a lover of flowers and plants, was an excellent cook and kept her home well organized and clean. She loved hand work, crocheting and piecing beautiful quilts. She received many prizes for her exhibits at fairs. She and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 5, 1949. She died five years later on her 55th wedding anniversary.

Children of George and Frances included: Vesta, who died at two; Mrs. Joseph (Garnet) Probst; Mrs. Burton (Lorna) Van Wagoner; Mrs. Harry (Reba) Kohler.

HENRY AND JANE ELLIS ALDER WATKINS



Henry Watkins, son of John Watkins and Harriet Steele Watkins, was born January 5, 1860, at Provo. Married Jane Ellis Alder January 6, 1885; solemnized in Salt Lake LDS Temple June 1, 1893. Died May 24, 1940, Midway.

Jane Ellis Alder Watkins, daughter of Elijah and Mary Jane Wilson Alder, was born November 19, 1861, at Farmington. Died March 21, 1941, Midway.

Henry Watkins was the oldest son of thirteen children born to John Watkins and Harriet Steele.

When he was five years old his father and mother moved from Provo and settled in the Lower Settlement at Snake Creek.

His father and three wives had thirty-three children and it was hard in those days to support them. At the age of fifteen Henry made his own way and supported himself.

He married Jane Ellis Alder, and was the father of four sons and daughters.

He was an Elder in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a

mason and carpenter, trades he inherited from his forefathers. He also owned a farm. He built his home on the east side of Midway and lived there until his death. He helped most of his children build their homes, and did much for the building of Midway. He built many homes, helped build the Midway First Ward church house, Second Ward meetinghouse in Heber City, worked on the old bank building, Wasatch High school and North School. He helped build the smoke stack to the furnace in the high school. He helped excavate the mill pond at Midway, built the old creamery by the Johnson's Milling Company, two school houses at Woodland and Francis. He helped survey many irrigation ditches and helped his father John Watkins survey the Midway Water Works. He helped in building two reservoirs up in the White Pines vicinity called the Island and Brimhall Lakes. He helped put in an assay furnace at the Silver King and Glencoe Mines in Park City, helped build the telephone office in Park City. He cut cord wood for the Ontario Mine used in the firing of boilers. He moved a saw mill boiler from Deer Creek to Mill Flat in Snake Creek, and when they were finished there, they moved it to the east side of Heber City to the South fork of the Provo River with ox teams. He ran a saw mill for two summers at the Mountain Lake Mine in Snake Creek Canyon. He took a large boiler from Mill Flat to Salt Lake City, with two yoke of cattle, to have it repaired as that was the only means of transportation.

He was a good neighbor and friend and neighbor to all who knew him and was very honest in all his dealings. He passed away at Midway, and was buried in the family plot.

Children of Henry and Jane Ellis Alder Watkins:

Elijah H.;

Henry Morris, married Persie McKee;

Casy LeRoy, married Cecelia Murdock, later Ida Rasband;

Harriet Myrtle, married Earl M. Hardy, later Dan McMillan;

Alma Lamar, married Lula May Giles, later Miranda Smith;

Mary Jane, married Carl Bronson;

Orpha Vida, married Reuben Orson Casper;

Lucile, married Earl Daybell.

Jane was born in Farmington and then

later moved with her family to Franklin, Idaho, and then to Kaysville, Davis County. They later moved to Midway.

At the age of 24 she married Henry Watkins, her childhood sweetheart, and during the next 56 years she raised four sons and four daughters to adulthood. She was always very active in public life. As a girl, she sang vocal solos in the old Bowery on the Midway Town Square. She was a Relief Society teacher for most of her married life, and worked in most of the auxiliary organizations of the church. She was a Primary teacher for many years.

She suffered many trials and hardships and worked very hard, for in those days they had none of the conveniences which we enjoy today. She was very kind, and loving, and charitable to everyone whom she knew. She would go to the bedside of neighbors and friends any hour of the day or night and help them in sickness or death.

She was a very good nurse, and delivered her own sister, Elizabeth, in childbirth, with no complications.

She was an excellent seamstress and made beautiful clothes for the dead. She washed and laid out many dead persons, because in those days morticians were seldom available. She also sewed for private customers.

She was very good to all her children, and she nursed each of her daughters and daughters-in-law when their babies were born. She had very poor health herself, but that didn't stop her from helping others. Before she died she said, "The road has been long and hard, but I have enjoyed every step of it."

JOHN THOMAS AND MARY MARIA CLIFT WATKINS



John Thomas Watkins, eldest son of John and Margaret Watkins, was born in Rain-

about \$5.00 paying said irrigation company to pay him said amount.

(S) PETER STREBEL

Witnesses:

(S) Alice Lilsoir

(S) Alice Lochner

SIMON STREET AND ANN KAY STREET

Simon Street, son of Thomas Street and Mary Bates, was born in Staffordshire, England. Married Mary Ann Bates Swetfield, a widow and his cousin. Married Ann Kay Street, his brother William's widow in 1883. Died Aug. 28, 1922. Buried in Heber Cemetery.

Ann Kay Street, daughter of Joseph Kay and Mary Howarth Street, was born December 31, 1853, at Bolton, Lancashire, England. Married William Street who was born June 11, 1843 at Staffordshire, England. He died in 1881 at Park City, Utah. Ann died May 21, 1930. Buried in Heber Cemetery.

Simon Street emigrated with his family to Utah when he was young.

He worked in the coal mines in England at a very early age and then in the mines in Wyoming. He worked in the mines eighteen years in all.

He married Mary Ann Bates Swetfield his cousin, she had three sons, John Swetfield, Gus Swetfield and Nimrod Swetfield.

Simon and Mary Ann had five children:

Mary Street, married William Richens;

Emma Street, married Edward Phillips;

George Street, married Etta Luke;

Hyrum Street, married Ethel —;

Luana Street, married Frank Carpenter.

He married Ann Kay Street, his brother's widow. She and William had four children:

Mary Hannah Street, married James Yates;

Elizabeth Street, married Orson Daniel Edwards;

William Street, married Louise —;

Alice Street, died when 22 years old.

Ann Kay's father was president of the Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in England. He was a very good musician and gave violin lessons.

He worked in the textile mills where he contracted consumption from which he died.

At the age of eight years, Ann Kay emigrated to Utah with her Uncle and Aunt

Richard and Alice Barnes. They came across the plains with ox teams in Captain Thompson's Company. Starting from St. Joseph, Missouri and arriving in Heber City, the fall of 1866. Her mother and two sisters came two years later. They saw all the hardships of pioneer life. She told of working for fifty cents a week and earning enough to buy a calico dress and a pair of shoes.

Simon and Ann Street were married in 1883 and lived in Park City for two years, where one son was born.

They came to Midway in the fall of 1886 and bought sixty acres of land from Fan Waddell.

Their seven children were:

Joseph Street, married Pearl Galli;

Cora Street, married Rollie Baum;

Daniel Street, married Malissa Casper;

Edward Street, died in infancy;

Simon Street, married Rachel Casper;

Lila Street, Simon's twin, died of whooping cough;

Esther Jane Street eight and Alice 22, died of diphtheria the same week.

Simon and his boys hauled timber from Lake Creek, to the Ontario Mine at Park City, with four four-horse teams. He owned and operated the first threshing machine in Wasatch County, with Joseph Galli and Andrew Luke as equal owners in the same.

Simon was a good violinist. He played all over the county and at Park City and Snyderville for dances in his younger years.

In his later years there never was a children's dance at Midway without him there to play. He and Ann sang duets together.

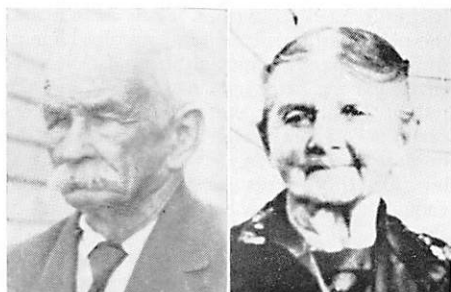
Simon and Ann Kay Street raised sixteen children not including the three who died. Also two grandchildren—Grace Reese and Thelma Edwards.

JOHN AND MARY KELLER SULSER

John Sulser, oldest child of Casper and Katherine Steidler Sulser (Sulzer), was born March 28, 1846 at Bern, Switzerland. He married Mary M. Keller November 13, 1876. Died December 26, 1914 in Midway.

Mary Keller Sulser was born October 10, 1859 in Weinfelden, Thurgau County, Switzerland, a daughter of Adam and Anna Barbara Enz Keller. She died in Midway April 7, 1944.

John came to the United States in 1852 with his parents and at the age of 10 went



to work for a man in New York in a grist mill. His parents, in a rush to come to Utah with the Joseph Young Handcart Company, left New York without notifying John. Five years passed with no word from his parents, so when he heard of the California gold rush he decided to come west. He got as far as Cheyenne, Wyoming, and worked on the railroad for two years to get to Salt Lake.

Shortly after he reached Salt Lake, he noticed a man on the street who looked familiar to him. He approached him and said "Hello, Dad." The man said "I'm not your dad." John said "You are my dad," to which the man replied "Is that you, John?" So, on the streets of Salt Lake they were reunited after a seven-year parting.

In 1863 John came to Midway at the age of 18. He served as a guard in the Black Hawk War.

Mary came with her parents from Switzerland as a convert to the Church. Throughout her life she was devoted to the Church, and did much temple work.

The children of John and Mary included:

- John A., married Mary E. Burgener;
- Alice, married to Fredrick Remund;
- Bertha, married to John B. Fowers;
- Nephi, married Annie Simmons;
- Eliza, died in infancy;
- Niccie, married to Thomas J. Baird;
- Della, married to Clifford Phillips;
- Lillie, married to Donald Jones;
- Illa, married to Shield Montgomery;
- Owen, died at age nine;
- Ina, married to Charles A. Wietz, later C. D. Walton and then Mervin Lewis;
- Dean Glade, died in infancy.

JOHN A. SULSER AND MARY E. BURGNER SULSER

John A. Sulser was born May 16, 1878, in Midway, a son of John and Mary Margret



Keller Sulser. He married Mary Elizabeth Burgener, who was born April 11, 1881, a daughter of John and Mary (May) Murri Burgener. She died June 2, 1945, in Midway. He then married Elizabeth Cameron Bunnell, November 16, 1946. She was born December 19, 1895, in Salt Lake City, a daughter of Hugh Emmett and Ann Sophia Tilt Cameron. She died April 17, 1959, in Midway.

Children of John and Mary Elizabeth Burgener were:

Homer Morse Sulser, married Laura Sorenson;

Earl A. Sulser, married Ruby Edwards Smith;

Floyd Landers Sulser, married Ardell Casper Meeks;

Leyle Sulser, married Burt Sorenson;

Eunice Leona Sulser, died at the age of two;

Bard Leonard Sulser, married Bertha McMillan Martinez.

When a young man, John A. Sulser prospected in Snake Creek, Bonanza Flats and Park City. He worked for the Knight Investment Company as construction foreman when they built the Snake Creek and Murdock Power Plants. Then, when these plants were sold to Utah Power and Light Co., he stayed on with them for 18 years. He went to and from his work on skis or horseback.

When he left the power company he bought land and ran a dairy farm and range cattle. He retired in 1957. He always loved to fish, hunt and ride horses. At the time of this writing he is the oldest man still living in Midway who was born here.

CASPER AND AMANDA AGNES SMITH SULSER

Casper Sulser, son of Casper and Catherine Steidler Sulser, was born Oct. 5, 1850,

ham, Kent, England, October 29, 1854. He married Mary Maria Clift, May 3, 1879. He died October 2, 1922.

Mary Maria Clift, daughter of George Washington Clift and Amanda Caroline Fausett Clift, was born May 7, 1861, in Alpine. She died June 15, 1912, in Midway.

With his family, John emigrated to America and crossed the plains in 1856 with the Martin Handcart Company, arriving in Salt Lake City November 30, 1856. They settled first in Provo and then in 1864 settled in Midway. John was 10 years old at the time.

He and Mary Clift were married in the Salt Lake Endowment House, and set up their housekeeping after marriage in a covered wagon. John went to work for his father at a saw mill, and his young bride did the cooking for the saw mill crew. They worked all summer long for enough lumber to build their first home, a little two-room house.

John and Mary lived in Midway all their lives. He was a successful farmer, and also owned and operated a sawmill. He fished or hunted wild game every day, winter and summer, until his death. He was killed in a truck accident in Daniels Canyon, October 2, 1922. He is buried in the Midway Cemetery.

He and his wife were parents of nine children:

John Edward, married Amy Fettes;
Mrs. George W. (Mary Ellen) Frisby;
George Washington, married (1) Oasia Kerby (2) Ella Christensen (3) Hazel Clyde.

Mrs. William (Doratheia Jane) Murray;
Francis David, married (1) Annie Firth (2) Eva Carter;

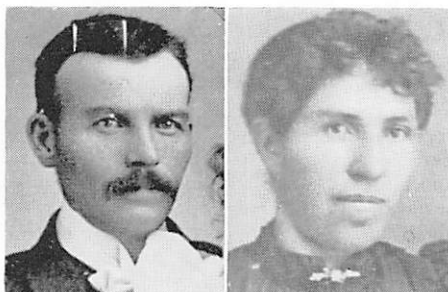
Ira Oray, married (1) Hazel Jones (2) Ida Jane Snyder;

Joseph Earl, married (1) Verna Taylor (2) Bertha —;

Mrs. Alden (Amanda Claretta) Everett;
Vera Algina, died in childhood.

JOSEPH AND ELINOR BLOOD WATKINS

Joseph Watkins was born July 12, 1864 at Provo, a son of John and Mary Ann Sawyer Watkins. He married Elinor Blood July 12, 1883 in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City. Died June 6, 1936, at Midway.



Elinor Blood Watkins was born December 8, 1865 at Midway, a daughter of Moroni and Hannah Melissa Lance Blood. She died in Midway November 7, 1935.

Joseph was born during the early pioneer times of Provo when plural marriage was advocated. His father had three wives. He was the first child of the third wife. The first home was built of logs with a dirt roof. The night he came into the world was stormy, and pans were placed around the room and on the bed to keep the mother and baby dry. His father was an industrious man and plied his trade well, but he couldn't always collect his pay; for that reason the children sometimes went hungry and barefoot.

In 1865 the Watkins family moved to Midway. There were then eight children, three wives and the father. They lived first in the lower settlement at Smith's Grove. Later when Indian troubles arose they moved to Fort Midway. Later John Watkins built two homes, one of rock and one brick. Two families lived in the brick house and the first family in the other one.

Joseph followed his father's trade, bricklayer and plasterer. He helped build many homes and commercial buildings in Wasatch County.

He was a faithful Latter-day Saint. For many years he was a ward teacher, doing 100 percent visiting. He was always ready and willing to perform any duty asked of him. He helped to dig many graves before Midway had a sexton. In epidemics of contagious diseases he helped bury the dead.

During the last fifteen years of his life he was almost totally blind, but he never complained. He was always cheerful. Six months after the death of his beloved wife he passed away, June 6, 1936, at Midway.

Elinor Watkins was married to Joseph eleven years before any children were born to them. She had a dream that if she and

her husband could attend the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple, which was in April, 1893, that the righteous desire of their hearts would be granted. They were living in Provo Bench at the time and had not taken their recommends with them because they expected to move back to Midway in a short time. So her husband, Joseph, had to walk twenty-five miles to Midway over a snowslide in the canyon to get their recommends, then back to Provo, present them to the Bishop there, so they could get a temple recommend to go to the dedication of the temple. They arrived there the last day and according to their faith, their prayers were answered. The following February 20, 1894, a daughter was born, named Grace. Three years later they rejoiced again in having another daughter, Ruby, born April 8, 1897.

Elinor was one of the early presidents of the Young Ladies Association from 1889 to 1890, being released when she moved to Provo.

She and her husband returned to Midway in 1895.

In 1903 when the Midway Ward was divided, she became Secretary of the Midway Second Ward Relief Society, which position she held until November 10, 1929. During that time she was very active in helping to make burial clothes and preparing the dead for burial. She had charge of the making of quilts for the society, and many quilting bees were enjoyed by the sisters. She was a Relief Society teacher for many years.

March 24, 1907, she was made President of the Midway 2nd Ward Young Ladies organization. She served in that capacity until October, 1915. She was always faithful in the performance of her duties and had a strong testimony of the gospel. She was a devoted mother and made many sacrifices for her family and grandchildren.

When her own mother died, she took the baby of the family, Lucretia, and gave her a home until she was old enough to support herself. In later years she took three of her sister Lucretia's children and gave them a home for several years. She was always ready to give a helping hand wherever needed.

Grace Watkins married Ernest Sonderegger, and had 10 children.

Ruby Watkins married George Lynn Bronson and had nine children.

WILLIAM AND MARY BUSBY WATKINS

William Watkins, son of John Watkins and Harriet Steele Watkins, was born December 25, 1868 at Midway. Married Mary Elizabeth Busby, August 1894 in Midway. Died November 6, 1937, at Midway.

Mary Elizabeth Busby Watkins, died July 8, 1939, at Midway.

They had two children who died at birth. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins kept the Midway Post Office for many years. They also had a little novelty store and stored and sold ice. Operated the public telephone office in Midway.

Mrs. Watkins was an excellent housekeeper. They had a beautiful yard and flowers.

Mrs. Watkins was known throughout the valley for her magnificent hair. It hung below her waist. She knew how to dress and arrange it beautifully.

They were good, kindly and useful people.

DAVID JOHN WILSON

David John Wilson, son of James Thomas Wilson and Isabella Ross Wilson. Married Margaret Willett.

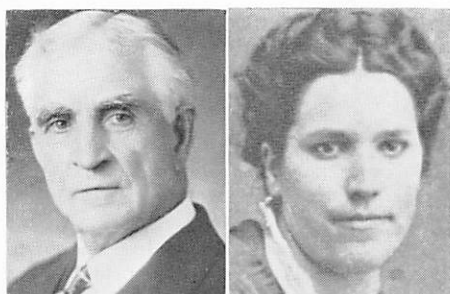
Mr. Wilson was a mining man. Mrs. Wilson was an accomplished dressmaker. They were good people. Mrs. Wilson's Aunt Julia Willett, lived with them. She was a charming, gentle lady. Mr. Wilson was killed in a mining accident near Midway.

After the death of Mrs. Willett and Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and her only child, Sanford J. Wilson moved to Provo and later to Salt Lake City.

Sanford affiliated himself with pride in Church affairs. He was a leader in the Boy Scout movement and a diligent worker in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. He was employed by ZCMI. At the age of 26 he died suddenly of a heart attack. Mrs. Wilson died in Salt Lake City.

JAMES B. WILSON AND MARGARET POWELL WILSON

James B. Wilson, son of James Thomas Wilson and Isabella Ross Wilson, was born



August 22, 1856, Carson City, Nevada. Married Margaret Powell September 29, 1881, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. She died and he married Hannah Lundin November 24, 1915. He died January 20, 1949, Midway.

Margaret Powell Wilson, daughter of Reese Powell and Margaret Morgan Powell, was born September 2, 1858, Llansawel, Carnarthenhire, South Wales. She died July 30, 1913, Midway.

Hannah Lundin, daughter of Andrus Gustof Lundin and Johanna Anderson Lundin, was born October 21, 1878, Dormosyo, Grasenber, Sweden. She died December 21, 1959.

James B. Wilson, who pioneered in Wasatch County as a farmer, livestock man and community worker, came of Scotch-Irish stock. His great, great paternal grandfather was born in Scotland, but later moved to Ireland where James Thomas Wilson, father of James B., was born and reared. Isabella Ross, Mr. Wilson's mother, came of Scotch ancestry. Both families became converts to the restored gospel and emigrated to "Zion." James Thomas arrived in Utah with a pioneer company on September 3, 1852, and the Ross family reached Salt Lake City in September, 1854.

James T. Wilson and Isabella Ross were married November 16, 1855, and in the spring of 1856 were called to the Carson Valley Mission and settled in Carson City, Nevada, then still a part of the Utah Territory. In a rugged, primitive environment, in dire poverty, James B. Wilson, first child of this young couple, was born.

As a result of the approach of Johnson's army in 1857, the Carson Valley colonists were called back to Salt Lake City. Then began a series of severe experiences for survival. The Wilson family moved to San Pete County where the father gathered saleratus and old grease from which he made

soap. He peddled this product and home knit underwear to eke out an existence. In 1859, the family moved to Cache Valley, but returned to Salt Lake City in 1860. There on June 29, 1865, Isabella Ross, the twenty-nine year old mother died, leaving five children.

All was not on the dreary side in this period, however. In his early teens James B. heard Martin Harris, one of the witnesses of the Book of Mormon, bear his testimony to the divinity of that book. He also often heard the ringing exhortations of President Brigham Young and other church leaders. From these experiences coupled with his home training, he developed a faith that constantly grew throughout his long life. His formal schooling was meager, being completed with his "graduation" from the University of Utah after a few months of study in the winter of 1875-76. However, through constant self-improvement he became a truly educated man.

In early manhood Mr. Wilson taught school in Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County. At eighteen years of age he hauled timber, salt, and ore by ox team at \$6.00 per ton. It took a week for the trip from Salt Lake to Park City and return.

In 1875 Mr. Wilson became interested in cutting and hauling timber to the Alta mines. With his brother, Thomas R., he began timber operations in 1876. He pursued this work for several years and the timber cut in the "White Pines" was hauled by ox team to the Park City mines.

James B. Wilson's first visit to Midway dates back to 1872-73 when during a short sojourn there as a youth, he became interested in the farm he later homesteaded.

On September 29, 1881, Mr. Wilson married Margaret Powell, a cultured young Welsh immigrant, who came to Utah with her parents in 1873.

In November, 1884, the Wilson family took up permanent residence in Midway. Mr. Wilson homesteaded the tract of land upon which he set his heart in his youth. In 1885, the young homesteader "broke up" twenty acres of virgin soil with a hand plow drawn by oxen. This arduous toil continued year after year until the entire 160 acres were under cultivation. Beginning in 1885, Mr. Wilson and Fredrick Remund, a neighboring homesteader, built the Pine Ditch which had its source about one mile

up Pine Creek and extended around the side hills to the new farm.

From his homestead beginnings, Mr. Wilson and his sons branched out into an expanding farm and livestock program. The firm of James B. Wilson and Sons became one of the West's leading land and livestock operations. In the 1920's their bands of sheep numbered many thousands, their cattle hundreds of head and their land holdings consisted of thousands of acres and stretched for miles across the northern part of the Provo Valley.

James B. Wilson had a distinguished public career. Beginning in 1885, he served two terms as Justice of the Peace. He assisted in the organization of the Midway Irrigation Company. He helped organize and was president of the Midway Land and Livestock Company. In 1900 he was elected to the Midway town board and for fourteen years served as its president. When the town funds were insufficient to hire a marshal, Mr. Wilson filled that position without pay. During his administration as board president the first telephone service was brought to Midway. This was made possible through the citizens of Midway digging the holes and providing and setting the poles. As Midway town president, he with other community leaders, directed a successful campaign for the establishment of a municipal power plant. He also took the initiative in securing a spring from which water was conveyed to a sprinkling system in the Midway cemetery.

An active Republican in politics, he had a long career as a state legislator. Between 1903 and 1931, he served in eight legislative sessions over a period of sixteen years. While serving as a lawmaker, he was a leader in the move to build a new state capitol. At that time the state used part of the City and County building in Salt Lake City. He sponsored and guided the bill which made possible the development of Memorial Hill in Midway and helped to get certain Wasatch County roads into the state system.

Mr. Wilson was a loyal member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He became a charter member of the MIA while residing in the Salt Lake 12th Ward. For many years he acted as a ward teacher in Midway under Bishops David Van Waggoner and John Watkins. He served for thirteen years (1904-1917) as a counselor

to Bishop Jacob Probst of the Midway Second Ward and twenty years (1917-1937) on the Wasatch Stake High Council. In 1925 and 1926, and again in 1927-28, he filled short term missions to the Northwest. He crowned his church work with seven years of labor as an ordained worker in the Salt Lake Temple. This service terminated in 1944 when he was 88 years old.

As a family man, Mr. Wilson sought to inculcate into the lives of his children an appreciation of life's fundamental values. While outwardly somewhat stern, this man had a deep, tender affection for his wife and family. This was evidenced by his devotion to her during her long illness in 1912-13, culminating in her death July 30, 1913.

Margaret Powell Wilson was a native of Wales and began life in a beautiful old home that had been occupied by the mother's family for generations. Margaret's parents were devout Christians, the father serving as chorister for the Baptist church.

However, shortly after the marriage of Margaret Morgan and Reese Powell in 1848, a new influence came into their lives. Elders of the Mormon church converted them to the Latter-day Saint faith. Their three children, Elizabeth, David and Margaret, were baptized as they reached the customary age. The nearest branch of the church was fifteen miles from the Powell home and the family frequently walked both ways to attend services. Margaret's mother was unwavering in her loyalty to the new faith and was eager to join the body of the church in Utah. Elizabeth came to America in 1872 and in August, 1873, the parents with David and Margaret, arrived in Salt Lake City.

The new home in "Zion" was a two-room adobe house built and paid for by Margaret's brother, David. The family were members of the Salt Lake Fifteenth ward in which many Welsh converts, former friends of the Powells, lived. At the age of eighteen, Margaret joined the Relief Society organization.

Margaret's mother never enjoyed robust health. Not long after arriving in Salt Lake, she contracted a severe cold from which she never fully recovered. For several years she was an invalid. Margaret was her nurse and constant companion until her mother's death on July 8, 1880.

It was sometime prior to this that Mar-

garet met her future husband, James B. Wilson.

On September 29, 1881, James B. Wilson and Margaret Powell were married in the old Endowment House by Joseph F. Smith. However, Margaret's tender ministrations for her parents were not yet complete, for her father lived with the newly wed couple until his death February 11, 1882.

James B. and Margaret Wilson established their first home in Salt Lake City, but this they vacated and gave to Mr. Wilson's father when he returned homeless from a pioneering experience in Mesa, Arizona. Although unaccustomed to anything but urban life, Mrs. Wilson with her husband moved to a lonely homestead in Midway in 1884.

In the spring of 1891, the Wilson farm home and furnishings were destroyed by fire. A home in the town of Midway was then established. Mrs. Wilson was a woman of unusually good judgment not only in business affairs, but also on the problems of life. For years she conducted a neighborhood store in part of her two room home. The income from this store, supplemented by the proceeds from farm products, provided a large portion of the family support until the farming and livestock operations of her husband and sons were well established. She was an active Relief Society worker and served on the Old Folks Committee in Midway. Her life was dedicated to quiet service for her family, her neighbors, the sick and the poor. Mr. Wilson married Hannah Lundin November 24, 1915. She was a well educated woman. She was an efficient, capable stenographer when she met and married Mr. Wilson. She was an active worker in the Church and was devoted to her husband to the end.

She and Mr. Wilson reared two children after their marriage, Eugene Orgill, a nephew of Mrs. Wilson and Barbara whom they adopted.

Children of James B. and Margaret Powell Wilson were:

James Brigham, Jr., married Lota Huffaker;
Mrs. William G. (Edna) Young;
David J., married Mary Jacobs;
Mrs. Wayne B. (Belle) Hales;
R. Arthur, married Eva Huber;
Mrs. Grant Y. (Edith) Anderson.

JAMES THOMAS WILSON AND ISABELLA ROSS WILSON

James Thomas Wilson, son of Thomas Wilson and Jane Ellis Wilson. Born Oc-



tober 7, 1828, in parish of Namicullen County, Armagh, Ireland.

Married Isabella Ross November 16, 1855, Salt Lake City. Married Emily Mollissia Hancock, October 9, 1867, Salt Lake City. Married Annie Walker, February 8, 1877. Married Margaret Walker December 19, 1877, Salt Lake City. Died September 27, 1905, Midway.

At the age of eleven, during a depression in Ireland, James, with his family moved to Scotland, where his father secured employment for himself as well as for his four sons, James Thomas being the youngest. Their employment was in the mines, or pit as it was called in Scotland.

During their years in Ireland, their father was employed as a gardener. He worked for the same man for thirty years at 24c per day, plus two plots of land for his own garden. James Thomas, at the age of six was given a special part of the gardening. Then at eleven years he went into the pit in Scotland to work at 9c per day. But even that small wage was a great help to his family.

Their wages were small, but with five people working, the family was well provided for. They had such wonderful privileges in this job. Their employer hired a school teacher, a music and dancing teacher for the children of his employees. This training was compulsory. The boys who were old enough to work must attend night school. If they so much as missed one night, they were laid off work for two weeks, and compelled to go to school during the day as well as at night, for the whole two weeks. Up to this time James Thomas had had just his Sunday School training and a very few days of schooling. He was very interested in his school work, and was considered one of the best students in the class.

James Thomas was a drawer, one who pushes cars on a track, to the coal to be

loaded. He was so quick, active and strong that he was much sought after. He was just fourteen years old. One day while pushing the coal car to be loaded, it slipped off the track. In an effort to place the car back on the track, his right leg was injured. From this injury he had a slight limp the rest of his life. He became so ill that he was sent to another town in Scotland to a hospital. The doctors could not understand his case. They decided to remove the limb. He would not give his consent, but found a ride home with a neighbor. He was still very ill and spent most of his time in bed.

He learned to knit stockings, cravets and gloves. This hobby proved to be a blessing to him. He sold the articles he made, which furnished his spending money. Then too, knitting seemed to calm his restlessness.

This continued for several years until February, 1846, he heard that a Mormon Elder would be in their town to preach. He was not able to attend, but his brother, William, went to the meeting, then came home and told James Thomas all that had been said. He sent his brother to invite the Elder to visit him in his room. He used his own money to buy some food for a lunch. Then, after serving Elder McNaughton refreshments, he listened to the first principles of the Gospel and to James the 1st chapter and 5th verse.

He was a very humble, prayerful boy. He decided he did lack wisdom, and decided to fast and pray for three days and four nights. On the fourth night a sign was given him that helped him to decide right from wrong. He was baptized into the LDS Church, by Elder Hugh Murray, April 15, 1846. He enjoyed his labors in the Duray Branch very much, and was advanced in the priesthood while laboring in that branch. Through fasting, prayer and administration by the Elders, James Thomas' leg was healed. So much so, that he went back on his job in the coal pit.

He soon began planning to emigrate to America and then on to Utah. He sailed for America February 11, 1852. Between eight and nine weeks later, he landed at the mouth of the Mississippi River, through the Gulf of Mexico, then to New Orleans. From New Orleans, they sailed on up the Mississippi to St. Louis, which was seven days of travel. At St. Louis they were given living quarters in a sort of camp for emigrants. While they were waiting for a company to

be formed to go to Salt Lake City, James Thomas found employment with Sheriff Smart of St. Louis. During this wait in camp to go on west, the cholera attacked them. The townspeople were so afraid they would catch the terrible disease, that they gathered teams and wagons and transported them all out in the desert. On May 15, 1852, the company, under the direction of A. O. Smoot, and C. Layton, began the trek to Salt Lake City. During this trip James Thomas was put in charge of A. O. Smoot's horses. That was his responsibility until he arrived in Salt Lake City. September 2, 1852, the company camped ten miles east of Salt Lake City. This was their last camp, so they celebrated by feasting on delicious tender beef, furnished by President Brigham Young, delivered by several people who came to meet the company and help them into the city. They were met by President Brigham Young and many Saints as they entered the city limits.

James Thomas did some work on the temple basement. He was working on this job when Daniel H. Wells asked him to come work for him. He accepted the position and worked for Daniel H. Wells as gardener and manager of gardens, yards and stock for six families. Garden plots were one and a quarter acres each.

By October 4, 1854, his mother, brothers William and George and sisters Mary and Rachel, arrived in Salt Lake City from Scotland. When he emigrated to America it was his intention to bring his family, all that were left, to America, then to Utah. He accomplished this in just two short years, working for sixteen dollars per month.

November 16, 1855, he married Isabella Ross. To this union six children were born, James B., his twin, Jered, still born, Thomas Ross, David John and Isabella R. His wife Isabella died June 24, 1865. They had been married almost ten years. She had accompanied him on his mission to Carson Valley in 1856, returning by request of President Brigham Young at the time of the general move of the Saints in 1858.

He married Emily Mollissia Hancock, October 9, 1867. Three children were born to them, Levi Ward, Emily Mollissia and Elizabeth Clayburn. These children did not live to maturity. In 1868 he sold his property in Salt Lake City to Daniel H. Wells, and moved to Midway, Wasatch County. Here he bought a log cabin and two lots,

of Guendlischwand, Bern, Switzerland. Heinrich died May 24, 1916 and Marianna died November 27, 1944.

In Switzerland Heinrich Zenger was a farmer and cheesemaker. He was employed by one of the largest cheese manufacturing firms in Switzerland. The family home was in Habkern, a small farming community near Interlaken. They built their home together, and worked hard to provide the necessities of life.

Heinrich was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in May, 1897, his wife having joined earlier.

With their son Henry, who also had been baptized with his father, they emigrated to Utah with Elders John U. Probst and Emil Kohler, missionaries from Midway. They left their native land June 10, 1897 and arrived in Midway July 3, 1897.

They lived first with the Johann Boss family who had emigrated earlier and about a year and a half after their arrival purchased the Mary Abegglen home. They acquired land, cows and horses and made their living by farming.

Active in the Church, they both participated in the functions of their ward, with Heinrich being ordained a High Priest.

When Heinrich died his son Henry took over the farm and cared for his mother until her death nearly 30 years later. She died November 27, 1944.

HENRY AND LENA MATILDA BURGNER ZENGER



Henry Zenger was born in Habkern, Kt., Bern Switzerland, October 1, 1882, the only child of Heinrich and Maryanna Boss Zenger. He married Lena Matilda Burgener on November 6, 1907 in the Salt Lake Temple. She was born in Midway on March 10, 1884, a daughter of Andrew and Magdalena Maier Burgener.

As a boy Henry worked on his father's land. There was just enough property to sustain the three members of the family. They had some cows, sheep, goats and a pig. Henry's father was a good cheese maker and his mother was an accomplished weaver. All Henry's early clothing was home-made, including the shoes made from leather he helped tan.

When Henry was nine he broke his leg and lay in bed from Sunday until Monday before a doctor could come. In the meantime his mother, who had been investigating the Mormon faith, rubbed the leg with consecrated oil, and when the doctor arrived the huge swelling and the high fever had nearly subsided. The doctor was amazed at the severe injury and how little swelling and fever there were. The leg healed completely with no trace of even a limp. Through the incident the family continued their investigation of the Church and were baptized in May of 1897. On June 10, 1897 they left for the United States in the company of two missionaries from Midway, John U. Probst and Emil Kohler. They arrived on July 3, 1897 in time for the Independence Day celebration on July 4.

In Midway, Henry resumed his schooling, learned English and became a member of the Independent Brass Band. He served as a deacon and teacher in the Church and also attended Brigham Young University in Provo.

During February of 1906 he met Lena Matilda Burgener, and they were married in November of 1907. To them were born five children.

Henry and his wife were active in Church work in Midway. He served in the presidency of the 96th Quorum of Seventy, for three years as senior president. He was also in the Second Ward Mutual superintendency, the Sunday School superintendency and from 1928 to 1940 was Sunday School superintendent. He supported two of his sons on missions for the Church, and served as a ward teacher for 50 years.

Lena was reared in Midway, where she attended school and joined the ward choir at the age of 10. When she was 18 she took a job with Fred Buehler in his store, and then later worked in Mark Jeff's store and then in Salt Lake. She taught Sunday School for five years, was MIA chorister for five years and Relief Society chorister for 28 years.

At the time of the ward division in 1903 she was called to serve as second counselor in the Primary presidency of the Midway Second Ward, and served in this calling for 13 years.

A dutiful daughter, she cared for her ailing parents and her mother-in-law for many years. As a hobby she learned rug weaving and has made many rugs. She prided herself in the fact that all her children were married in the temple.

Henry died November 25, 1954.

Children born to Henry and Lena Zenger: Mrs. Charles (Eva Lena) Grose, Ray Henry married Lucile Allred, Mrs. Maron (Cleo Mae) Hiatt, Glen Herman married Emily Hellawell, Dean Lamont married Juanita Ross.

JOHN AND SUSAN KUMMER ZWEIFEL

John Zweifel was born December 24, 1845 in Linthol, Canton Glarus, Switzerland, a son of John and Barbara Martin Zweifel. He married Susan Kummer in April of 1868 at

Providence, Utah. They were later endowed in the old Salt Lake Endowment House. She was a daughter of Johan and Elizabeth Bigler Kummer and was born in Bern, Switzerland. John later married Elizabeth Fenz October 10, 1911 in Salt Lake. She was born December 12, 1862, a daughter of John and Anna Abegglen Fenz.

Mr. Zweifel was known as an active Church man, a missionary to Missouri, an Indian fighter and a successful farmer.

The family were respected as successful, industrious people.

The children of John and Susan Zweifel included: Susan who died in youth; Mrs. Alonzo P. (Mary) Springer; John, who fell from the Midway First Ward during construction and was killed; Mrs. Roy (Elizabeth) Bagley, Albert who married Anna Knecht; Annie who died in infancy; Mrs. Christian (Eliza) Burgi and Frank who married a Mohlman girl.

Mr. Zweifel died in Salt Lake. Susan died in Midway and Elizabeth died in Salt Lake City.